PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF

MASSACHUSETTS.

FROM DECEMBER 11, 1866, TO DECEMBER 10, 1867.

M.E. RICHARD BRIGGS, GRAND HIGH PRIEST.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN, GRAND SECRETARY.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

STATED CONVOCATION.

MARCH 12, 1867.

A STATED CONVOCATION of the GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, March 12, A.D. 1867, R.A.M. 2397.

Present.

M.E. CHARLES A. WELCH	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY ENDICOTT	Grand King.
E. RUFUS S. POPE	Grand Scribe.
E. LOUIS A. FELIX	Grand Captain of the Host *p. t.*
E. WYZEMAN MARSHALL	Grand Principal Sojourner *p. t.*
E. Rev. JOHN P. ROBINSON, E. Rev. JOHN W. DADMUN, ...	Grand Chaplains.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN	Grand Secretary.
E. LUTHER L. TARBELL	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

JOHN MCCLELLAN.	JAMES KIMBALL.	CHARLES C. DAME.
WILLIAM W. BAKER.	SOLON THORNTON.	D. W. CRAFTS.
	M. WILLIAMS.	

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The Grand Chapter was opened in Due Form; the record of the last Convocation read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz.: —

St. Andrew's.	Thomas.	Sutton.
King Cyrus.	Mount Lebanon.	Cambridge.
Washington.	Northampton.	Waltham.
Adoniram.	Shekinah.	St. Mark's.
Morning Star.	Orient.	Mount Vernon.
St. Paul's.	Berkshire.	Menotomy.
	Waverly.	

M.E. Charles A. Welch, in behalf of the Committee to correspond with King Solomon's Royal Arch Chapter, reported that the returns of this Chapter had been made, and its dues paid to the Grand Treasurer.

Voted, That M.E. Companions Solon Thornton, Rufus S. Pope, and William W. Baker be appointed a Committee to procure aprons and all other necessary regalia for the use of the Grand Chapter.

Voted, That the Warrant to St. Stephen's Royal Arch Chapter, at Dorchester, be extended for the space of twelve months.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Due Form.

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STATED CONVOCATION.

JUNE 11, 1867.

A STATED CONVOCATION of the GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, June 11, A.D. 1867, R.A.M. 2397.

Present.

M.E. RICHARD BRIGGS	Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY ENDICOTT	Grand King.
E. JOHN MCCLELLAN	Grand Scribe *pro tem.*
E. THEODORE H. EMMONS	Grand Captain of the Host.
E. BENJAMIN LEWIS	Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. CHARLES H. NORRIS	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. Rev. JOHN W. DADMUN, E. Rev. JOHN P. ROBINSON, ...	Grand Chaplains.
E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN	Grand Lecturer.
E. EBEN F. GAY	Grand Tyler *pro tem.*

Permanent Members.

JAMES KIMBALL.	WM. S. SHURTLEFF.	E. W. TOLMAN.
CHARLES C. DAME.	SOLON THORNTON.	A. A. DAME.
HENRY CHICKERING.	WILLIAM W. BAKER.	

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form; the record of the last Convocation read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented: —

ST. ANDREW'S.	WORCESTER.	HAMPDEN.
KING CYRUS.	MOUNT LEBANON.	SUTTON.
WASHINGTON.	NORTHAMPTON.	CAMBRIDGE.
ADONIRAM.	ST. JOHN'S.	ST. MARK'S.
FRANKLIN.	SHEKINAH.	MOUNT VERNON.
MORNING STAR.	KING SOLOMON'S.	MOUNT HOLYOKE.
ST. PAUL'S.	BERKSHIRE.	MENOTOMY.
THOMAS.	WAVERLY.	

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A petition for a new Chapter, to be located in Marlborough, signed by Burleigh Morse, W. E. C. Worcester, John F. Cotting, E. A. Bradley, Clifton D. Hunter, O. F. Longley, William A. Start, S. J. Shaw, B. F. Smith, Marshall P. Rogers, George E. Sherman, Martin Dadmun, Lafayette Dadmun, P. E. Millay, A. K. Graves, George N. Cate, Miranda Page, and C. F. Morse, was presented and referred to a Committee consisting of M.E. Companions Alfred F. Chapman, Z. H. Thomas, Jr., and H. C. Skinner, who subsequently submitted the following Report: —

In Grand Chapter, June 11, 1867.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Companions at Marlborough and vicinity have considered the subject referred to them, and recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Alfred F. Chapman.
Z. H. Thomas, Jr.
H. C. Skinner.

Companion Alfred F. Chapman, in behalf of the Committee to procure a new plate for Diplomas, reported progress, and the Committee were granted further time.

Voted, To accept the invitation of the M.W. Grand Lodge to be present at the dedication of the New Masonic Temple on the 24th instant.

The following communication was received from the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests, viz.: —

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE MASSACHUSETTS
CONVENTION OF HIGH PRIESTS, BOSTON, Dec. 11, 1867.

To the M.E. Grand High Priest, Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

COMPANIONS, — I have the honor as well as the pleasure of informing you, that on the evening of the eleventh day of December, 1866, M.E. Companions CHARLES A. WELCH of Waltham Chapter, Waltham; LOUIS A. FELIX of Waltham Chapter, Waltham; DAVID FRANK ROBINSON of Mount Sinai Chapter, Lawrence; GEORGE JOHN MILLER of Orient Chapter, Hyannis; HIRAM A. KEITH of Morning Star Chapter, Springfield; CHARLES S. LITCH of Thomas Chapter, Fitchburg; MICAH NASH of Pilgrim Chapter, Abington; JOSIAH H. PRINDLE of Northampton Chapter; HEZEKIAH S. RUSSELL of Berkshire Chapter, Pittsfield; DANIEL UPTON of Corinthian Chapter, Adams; JOHN TYRER of St. John's Chapter, East Boston; GEORGE L. HUNT of Union Chapter, Athol, have been duly consecrated to the order of High Priesthood, and will be acknowledged accordingly.

EBENEZER W. TOLMAN,
Sec. of the Mass. Con. of High Priests.

M.E. Companion Shurtleff submitted the following proposition, viz.: —

That the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter be amended by adding at the end of Article I. the words "and Past Grand Officers, who shall be entitled to a seat, and to speak at the sessions of the Grand Chapter, but not to a vote."

A Dispensation was granted to Houghton Royal Arch Chapter of Marlborough, dated June 11, 1867, to continue one year.

The Grand Chapter was then closed with the usual formalities.

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ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

SEPTEMBER 10, 1867.

THE ANNUAL CONVOCATION of the GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the New Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, September 10, A.D. 1867, R.A.M. 2397.

Present.

M.E. RICHARD BRIGGS	Grand High Priest.
M.E. CHARLES A. WELCH	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY ENDICOTT	Grand King.
E. RUFUS S. POPE	Grand Scribe.
E. THEODORE H. EMMONS	Grand Captain of the Host.
E. CHARLES G. JACKMAN	Grand Principal Sojourner *p.t.*
E. CHARLES H. NORRIS	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. PETER C. JONES	Grand Treasurer.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN	Grand Secretary.
E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN	Grand Lecturer.
E. Rev. JOHN P. ROBINSON, E. Rev. JOHN W. DADMUN,	Grand Chaplains.
GEORGE H. PIKE	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

JOHN MCCLELLAN.	A. E. FOTH.	J. N. PIKE.
W. MARSHALL.	SAMUEL MILLARD.	E. W. TOLMAN.
A. A. DAME.	M. WILLIAMS.	D. W. CRAFTS.
WILLIAM W. BAKER.	WILLIAM PARKMAN.	CHARLES C. DAME.
SOLON THORNTON.	JAMES KIMBALL.	

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form; the records of the last Convocation read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz.: —

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St. Andrew's.	Mount Lebanon.	Waverly.
King Cyrus.	Northampton.	Sutton.
Washington.	Mount Horeb.	Cambridge.
Morning Star.	Shekinah.	Waltham.
St. Paul's.	Berkshire.	St. Mark's.
Thomas.	Key Stone.	Mount Vernon.

Companion Alfred F. Chapman, in behalf of the Committee appointed to procure a new plate for diplomas, submitted the following Report, which was read and accepted: —

To the M.E. Grand High Priest, Officers, and Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

The Committee to whom was referred the duty of procuring a new diploma for the use of this Grand Chapter have concluded their labors, and beg leave to report, —

That, after diligent attention to the duty assigned them, they decided to have the diploma lithographed, in the highest style of the art.

First, because they had procured a beautiful design, and were anxious to introduce it for use by the various Chapters in the jurisdiction; and, second, if it was decided that it must be engraved on steel, our object would be defeated by the extreme cost ($2,500), for they unanimously thought that to be beyond the means of this Grand Chapter.

The diploma was designed by Hammatt Billings, cost $150; lithographed by the New England Lithographic Steam Printing Company, cost $250; photographed to the proper size at a cost of $10; making a total cost of four hundred and ten dollars ($410). The Committee have also estimated the cost of printing diplomas, and find that a sufficient number of impressions can be taken to make the total cost about thirty cents for each diploma. This includes the entire cost of design, lithograph, and printing.

Submitted by

A. F. Chapman.
Charles A. Welch.
Solon Thornton.

Boston, Sept. 10, 1867.

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A petition, signed by Charles E. Allen, Henry C. Pinkham, William Hart, George F. Bunker, James F. Chase, George S. Wilbur, Charles H. Jaggar, Orrin F. Adams, and George W. Macy, for leave to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the town of Nantucket, was presented and referred to a Committee consisting of M.E. Companions R. S. Pope, D. W. Crafts, and L. A. Felix, who subsequently submitted the following Report, which was read and accepted: —

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Companion Charles E. Allen and others, of Nantucket, for a Dispensation to open a Royal Arch Chapter in said town, have considered the matter, and beg leave to report, —

From the evidence presented, they are satisfied, that though this Chapter may never be large, as regards numbers, from the peculiar circumstances of location, yet it will doubtless, be a live and active one, and therefore they recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, when the petition is indorsed by Orient Chapter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. S. Pope.
D. W. Crafts.
Louis A. Felix.

Companions Solon Thornton, Theodore H. Emmons, and Thomas Waterman were appointed a Committee to procure new blanks for Returns of Subordinate Chapters.

A communication from the M.E. General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, relating to certain proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the District of Columbia, was received and read, and ordered to be placed on file.

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The proposition submitted by M.E. William Steele Shurtleff at the Convocation in June last, to amend Article I. of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, was ruled out of order, as it was found to conflict with the Constitution of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States.

The M.E. Grand High Priest reported that accommodations for the meetings of the Grand Chapter had been engaged of the M.W. Grand Lodge in the New Masonic Temple, at an annual rent of two hundred dollars.

A communication was received from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina, and referred to the Council of this Grand Chapter to reply.

The following resolution was offered by Companion Alfred F. Chapman and adopted, viz. : —

Resolved, That the Grand High Priest be requested to cause each Chapter in the Commonwealth to be visited at least once in each year, by appointing a suitable person or persons, under the seal of this Grand Chapter, whose duty it shall be to visit such Chapter or Chapters as the Grand High Priest shall order, at least once in each year, inspect their by-laws, records, and mode of work, and report to him in writing, on or before the first day of September, the state of such Chapter or Chapters, together with any suggestions that may be for their good or the general good of Royal Arch Masonry.

The following Report was submitted by M.E. Companion Peter C. Jones, read, and accepted : —

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of granting new diplomas to Companions who are already in possession of one, would respectfully report, —

That in their judgment it appears inexpedient to give, or allow the same to be given, to any Companion already in posses-

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sion of such, except in case of loss by an unavoidable accident; and in such case only by special grant from the Grand Chapter of this Commonwealth.

PETER C. JONES.
A. F. CHAPMAN.
A. E. FOTH.
W. MARSHALL.

M.E. Companion John McClellan, in behalf of the Committee of Finance, submitted the following Report, which was read and accepted: —

The Committee of Finance of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, having examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the year ending August 31, 1867, beg leave to submit the following Report: —

It appears by the books of that officer, which your Committee find correct, that there was a balance of cash in his hands at the commencement of the year of	$71.69	
He has received for dues from thirty-six Chapters	2,328.50	
For Dispensations for three new Chapters	270.00	
Interest on investments and premium on stocks sold	516.64	
Five shares Boston National Bank	500.00	
Five shares Merchants National Bank	500.00	
Five shares Howard National Bank	500.00	
Two shares North National Bank	200.00	
		$4,886.83

His Disbursements have been as follows:—

For Bonds of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, secured by mortgage on the New Temple	$1,800.00	
Printing Proceedings of Grand Chapter	258.60	
Design for new Diploma and H. P. Jewell	181.00	
Drawing Charter and Dispensations	50.00	
Rent of hall and gas	118.75	
Charity	325.00	
Banquets at Quarterly Meetings of Grand Chapter	883.07	
Expenses of Grand Officers for constituting new Chapters, visiting Chapters, &c.	625.22	
Expenses of Grand Lecturer	46.74	
Sundry bills, including Secretary's and Tyler's fees, &c.	194.50	
		4,482,88
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer		$403.95

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The Property of the Grand Chapter consists of—

Six bonds of the Grand Lodge	$1,800.00
One bond of the City of Boston	1,000.00
Seven shares of Eliot Bank	700.00
Two shares First National	200.00
Six shares Bank of North America	600.00
Cash in the hands of Grand Treasurer	403.93
	$4,703.93

The Committee recommend the payment of fifty dollars to the Grand Secretary, for his services the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN MCCLELLAN.
SOLON THORNTON.

The time having arrived for the choice of Officers, M.E. Companion Solon Thornton was called to the chair, and M.E. Companions John McClellan, Charles H. Norris, and A. E. Foth were appointed a Committee to collect, sort, and count the votes, when the following Companions were unanimously elected, viz.: —

M.E. RICHARD BRIGGS	Grand High Priest.
M.E. BENJAMIN LEWIS	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. DANIEL W. LAWRENCE	Grand King.
E. LYMAN B. MESTON	Grand Scribe.
E. PETER C. JONES	Grand Treasurer.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN	Grand Secretary.
E. WILLIAM PARKMAN, E. RICHARD BRIGGS,	Trustees of the Funds.

The following appointments were announced by the M.E. Grand High Priest, and approved by the Grand Chapter, viz.: —

E. THEODORE H. EMMONS, Boston	Grand Captain of the Host.
E. CHARLES H. NORRIS, Salem	Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. HENRY C. SKINNER, Milford	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. Z. H. THOMAS, Jr., Cambridge	Grand Master Third Veil.

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E. Charles G. Jackman, Boston . . .	Grand Master Second Veil.
E. William Grover, Holyoke	Grand Master First Veil.
E. Rev. John P. Robinson, E. Rev. George L. Hunt, E. Rev. John W. Dadmun, ...	Grand Chaplains.
E. Nicholas A. Apollonio	Senior Grand Steward.
E. Eben F. Gay	Junior Grand Steward.
E. Alfred F. Chapman	Grand Lecturer.
E. Henry Chickering	Committee on For. Cor.
E. John McClellan, E. Solon Thornton, E. John K. Hall, ...	Committee of Finance.
E. William Parkman, E. Samuel Millard, E. Thomas Waterman, ...	Committee of Charity.
E. George H. Pike	Grand Tyler.

The Officers above elected and appointed were duly installed, and the usual proclamation made.

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STATED CONVOCATION.

DECEMBER 10, 1867.

A STATED CONVOCATION of the GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the New Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, December 10, A.L. 5867, R.A.M. 2397.

Present.

M.E. RICHARD BRIGGS	Grand High Priest.
M.E. BENJAMIN LEWIS	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. DANIEL W. LAWRENCE	Grand King.
E. LYMAN B. MESTON	Grand Scribe.
E. THEODORE H. EMMONS	Grand Captain of the Host.
E. CHARLES H. NORRIS	Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. HENRY C. SKINNER	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. Z. H. THOMAS, Jr.	Grand Master Third Veil.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN	Grand Secretary.
E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN	Grand Lecturer.
E. Rev. JOHN P. ROBINSON, E. Rev. JOHN W. DADMUN,	Grand Chaplains.
E. HENRY CHICKERING	Committee on Foreign Correspondence.
E. GEORGE H. PIKE	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

JOHN MCCLELLAN.	E. W. TOLMAN.	A. A. DAME.
JAMES KIMBALL.	RUFUS S. POPE.	WYZEMAN MARSHALL.
SOLON THORNTON.	CHARLES C. DAME.	

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form; the records of the last Convocation read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz.: —

ST. ANDREW'S.	THOMAS.	FALL RIVER.
KING CYRUS.	WORCESTER.	SUTTON.
WASHINGTON.	MOUNT LEBANON.	CAMBRIDGE.
ADONIRAM.	KING SOLOMON'S.	WALTHAM.
FRANKLIN.	KEY STONE.	MOUNT VERNON.
MORNING STAR.	ST. MATTHEW'S.	MENOTOMY.
	HAMPDEN.	

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Voted, That the Dispensation to Webster Royal Arch Chapter be extended for the further time of six months.

Voted, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to M.E. Alfred F. Chapman, for the able and satisfactory manner in which he has exemplified the work and lectures at the meeting this day.

The M.E. Grand High Priest, in behalf of the Committee on Regalia, reported progress, and the Committee were granted further time.

The subject-matter of conferring the Past Master's Degree by Subordinate Chapters was introduced by M.E. John W. Dadmun, fully and ably debated by several members, and referred to a Committee consisting of M.E. Companions Henry Chickering, Alfred F. Chapman, Solon Thornton, J. W. Dadmun, and Wyzeman Marshall, to consider and report. The subject of conferring the Royal Arch Degree was also referred to the same Committee.

Since the annexation of Roxbury to Boston, some doubts have been expressed in relation to the right of Mount Vernon Chapter to receive candidates for the degrees who reside in Boston proper.

Voted, That this subject be referred to a Committee, consisting of M.E. Companions Solon Thorton, Charles C. Dame, and John McClellan.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to determine and report to this Grand Chapter what shall be the territorial jurisdiction of Mount Vernon Chapter, located in the city of Roxbury, after the first of January, 1868, the time fixed by law for the complete annexation of said city of Roxbury to the city of Boston.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in Due Form.

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REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

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REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

YOUR COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE herewith present the following Report for the year 1867.

The late day at which the Proceedings of the various Grand Chapters were placed in our hands, and the severe pressure of business since, has prevented our making so thorough an examination of them as otherwise we would have been glad to have done, and consequently our review of them must necessarily be less full and comprehensive.

We have examined, as our time would admit, the Proceedings of twenty-three Grand Chapters, as follows: —

Alabama	December 1866	Missouri	May 1866
California	October 1866	New Hampshire	June 1866, '67
Florida	January 1867	New Jersey	September 1867
Illinois	October 1866	New York	February 1867
Indiana	May 1867	North Carolina	June 1866
Kentucky	October 1867	Ohio	October 1866
Louisiana	February 1867	Oregon	June 1867
Maine	May 1867	South Carolina	Feb. 1862, '66, '67
Maryland and Dist. Colum.	Nov. 1866	Tennessee	October 1867
		Virginia	December 1866
Michigan	January 1867	Vermont	October 1866
Mississippi	January 1867	Wisconsin	February 1867

We present some abstracts of these Proceedings, extracts from Addresses of Grand High Priests, and from Reports of Committees on Foreign Correspondence, etc., intended

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to give a general view of Capitular Masonry in the several jurisdictions.

ALABAMA.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its Fortieth Annual Convocation at the city of Montgomery, on the 4th of Decmber, 1866. In the absence of the M.E. Grand High Priest, J. B. Harrison, the M.E. Deputy Grand High Priest, Peleg Brown, presided, forty-eight Chapters being represented. The Annual Address of the Grand High Priest, though not received in time to be read in Grand Chapter, is published in the Proceedings; and from it we make the following extract:—

"It affords me pleasure to state that, so far as I have been able to learn, peace and harmony prevail throughout our jurisdiction, and that Royal Arch Masonry is now in a prosperous condition; some, if not all, of our Subordinate Chapters seem determined to free themselves of the imperfect work which, by accident, or a want of faithful vigilance, may have passed the overseers' squares. This work now exhibits its imperfections, and they are such as obviously render it unfit for use, and it is now being very properly thrown among the rubbish. This course commends itself to our favor; let the subordinates but continue the work thus nobly begun (of sacrificing numbers to purity), until all shall be accomplished that is desired, and Royal Arch Masonry will soon occupy that high position of which her principles are worthy, and sooner still 'Holiness to the Lord' shall be engraved upon the heart of every true Royal Arch Mason."

The following decisions strike us as somewhat anomalous, and it may be proper to add, that the Report not having been received in time, they were not referred to and acted upon by a Committee, or the Grand Chapter, and are therefore to be taken as the opinions of the Grand High Priest only.

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"A Chapter may adopt a by-law declaring that any Companion who shall be engaged in selling spirituous liquor guilty of unmasonic conduct. Such Companion is entitled to a fair trial, and the penalty after conviction may be a reprimand, suspension, or expulsion; but the Chapter cannot dimit him; it has a right to pass a by-law suppressing vice or immorality. The Grand Lodge has promulgated that 'retail traffic in intoxicating drinks is demoralizing in its tendency, opposed to the principles of the Order, and inconsistent with the masonic character.' If so in the Blue Lodge, how much more careful ought we to be in the Grand Chapter — we, who profess to have progressed, and to have attained a higher position."

"A member who has been raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, according to the ancient landmarks, and who, in every respect, was qualified for exaltation, should not be debarred from the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry, simply because he has been providentially afflicted, such affliction having been in nowise brought about by his misconduct. Again, a brother was balloted for and accepted for exaltation; but before he could receive the degrees, was called off upon duty, and was thus prevented from receiving them. During this necessary absence he had the misfortune to lose one of his arms in battle. On his return home, he still desires the degrees, being in every respect worthy. I unhesitatingly recommend that the Chapter exalt him, or, in the event they refuse, that they recommend him to some other Chapter for exaltation. It is just such a case as peculiarly commends our unfortunate brother to masonic sympathy and masonic hearts."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary, and reviews the Proceedings of eighteen Grand Chapters, ours included, with regard to which he has the following kind words: —

"The Report on Foreign Correspondence was made by Comp. James Kimball. It is among the best we have read. Comp. Kimball is undoubtedly a well-informed Mason, and of literary culture. He has great tact in selecting the most interesting sub-

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jects of remark from the Proceedings of other jurisdictions, and what he says is clothed in chaste language, and with a commendable *common sense* not met with every day. If the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts has many such writers as Comp. Kimball, it is to be regretted that she has so long hid her light under a bushel — this being the first Report on Foreign Correspondence that we have met with from that Grand Chapter. He reviews the Proceedings of twelve Grand Chapters. We regret that ours was not among the number; but the interruption in the mails had doubtless prevented them from being received."

The Report is a very able one, and in the main breathes the spirit of true masonic charity, confidence, and love, somewhat in contrast with his Report of the previous year. He repels, with considerable feeling, some remarks in the Proceedings of other Grand Chapters, — perhaps in themselves not conceived in the truest masonic charity, — seemingly forgetting that the tone of sadness, if not of lingering bitterness, in his previous year's Report, may possibly have influenced these somewhat. However, he seems quite disposed to "bury the hatchet," and we trust that hereafter we shall all be willing to let "bygones be bygones," and in the future meet only upon the level of masonic charity and brotherly love.

We are a little surprised that the Committee on Dispensations in this Grand Chapter should recommend that Charters issue to certain Chapters of whose Proceedings and Records they speak as being very irregular and inaccurate, as it seems to us they do not show such an acquaintance with masonic law and usage as to make them the proper custodians of the important duties and privileges of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

From the Report we learn that there are eighty-seven chartered Chapters in the jurisdiction, and three U.D., with a total membership of 2,850; exalted during the year, 292; affiliated, 62; dimitted, 233; rejected, 17; died, 66, among

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the last of which was Past Grand High Priest, Hugh Parks Watson.

M.E. George D. Norris, of Newmarket, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Daniel Sayre, of Montgomery, re-elected Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its thirteenth Annual Convocation in the city of San Francisco, on the 15th of October, 1866, M.E. Grand High Priest John Kirkpatrick presiding, with representatives from thirty Chapters. From the Annual Address of the Grand High Priest we extract the following: —

"Another year has passed, a year of 'peace within our walls, and prosperity within our palaces.' No longer are our brethren arrayed in deadly strife against each other. The sword has been superseded by the sickle, and the plough, instead of the horse's hoof, now turns up the ground. The bitter animosities of the past are disappearing, never, it is hoped, to be again revived; and peace and tranquility once more prevail in our beloved country. Nowhere than in our State are hymns of praise more due the Creator for the many favors bestowed. Our fields teem with grain, our mines yield abundantly, and in all the various pursuits of life the industrious and the active are attended with success.

"It affords me great pleasure to be enabled to report that the Chapters in this jurisdiction are generally in a prosperous condition, and that the utmost harmony and good feeling prevails. No Dispensations for the formations of new Chapters have been issued during the year."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Comp. Lawrence C. Owen, Grand Secretary, reviews the Proceedings of twenty-one Grand Chapters, including Massachusetts, in a brief but comprehensive manner, and with a kindly spirit and good taste.

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The returns show thirty-four Chapters in the jurisdiction, with a membership of 1,358; exalted during the year, 162; affiliated, 32; rejected, 16; withdrawn, 100; suspended, 40; died, 18.

M.E. Charles Marsh, of Nevada, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.E. Lawrence C. Owen, of San Francisco, re-elected Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Hartford, May 7, 1867, M.E. Luke A. Lockwood, Grand High Priest, presiding, with representatives from twenty-seven Chapters — all in the State. Most of the Annual Address of the Grand High Priest is in reference to his official acts, but the following general remarks will apply everywhere, and are so good we cannot forbear copying them.

"Permit me to offer a few suggestions relative to masonic charity, much talked about now-a-days, and most grievously abused. It is generally regarded as the giving of relief to the poor and needy, many times, I fear, with the expectation of some gain to the giver; but, my Companions, charity consists, not in the gift, but in the benevolence which prompts the giver. You remember the widow's mite was a manifestation of greater charity than the costly presents of the rich. Charity is love; the bond of peace; the perfection of every virtue; the cement which unites us as Masons; and its exercise arises from the love of doing good. God is Light; God is also Love; and hence the triangular-shaped trowel by which the cement is spread symbolizes that God is the author of that charity or love which binds and cements us. The more diligently we apply ourselves to the study of the principles of our Institution, and strive to make its rules the standard of our daily life and conduct, the more abundantly will the blessed gift of charity increase in our hearts. This charity arises from

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the clear realization of the relation of man to his Maker, and of man to man. That God is the Father of all, and that as created by the same Almighty Parent, and in his image, we are bound to love and fear him, and to aid and cherish each other; or, to sum it all up in a single sentence, the clear realization of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. Nothing will tend more strongly to intensify the feeling of brotherly love than the conviction that all our brethren are actuated by the same ennobling feeling. How much truth there is in those quaint questions and answers of Masons, as found in the ancient manuscript, familiar, doubtless, to all. 'Are Masons as good men as they pretend? Yea, verily, for it might not otherwise be for good men and true, knowing each other to be such, do love the more as they be more good.' Let us all, then, strive to be and to be known as more and more good and true, so that our charity may more abundantly abound, that our Institution may be more firmly cemented, and that the world at large may be convinced of its good effects.

"I feel it a duty to call your attention to the nature and character of our ceremonies, and to the necessity and duty of a dignified, intelligent, and scrupulous performance of our mystic rites. It may be laid down as an invariable rule that there is nothing in Masonry designed to afford amusement, or to excite mirth or ridicule. Anything said or done solely for such purposes is an excrescence upon the body of Masonry, and should be removed at once; and if no other remedy is adequate, free use of the scalpel should be unsparingly made. It is true that many persons have a very acute perception of the ridiculous, which even the most solemn duties fail to suppress; and such persons are led to smile at the trying struggles of their dearest friends, not because they fail to sympathize with them in their adversities, but because unusual and grotesque phases of character are presented to view, and their minds are excited by mirth before their hearts are awakened into sympathy. Perhaps nothing is more mirth-provoking for the moment than the unfortunate mis-step and fall of a friend, and the usual involuntary ejaculation or action of surprise and mortification; and yet should such mis-step have been caused by an unfriendly design to injure that friend, our anger instead of our mirth would be at once excited. We cannot, my Companions,

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too deeply realize the sacred solemnities of our mystic rites, no one of which is performed without design either to instruct the mind and heart, or to elevate the character and dignity of true manhood. He who thinks he can perceive, in any of our ceremonies, anything contrary to the design already indicated is not to be envied, and needs to learn the first rudiments of Masonry. We, as Royal Arch Masons, are engaged in the noble and glorious work of rebuilding the House of the Lord, not as hirelings, but as laborers of love, of rebuilding and restoring our inner spiritual temple, sadly marred and defaced by the depravity and imperfections of human nature, and of zealously laboring to approach the perfection of manhood, as man was at his creation the image of God and his noblest work.

"Brethren! with fixed, yet awful eye,
Turn ye the page of mystery,
Nor slight the warning sound;
Put off thy shoes from off thy feet:
The place where man his God shall meet,
Be sure is holy ground."

Most of the business done has only a local interest. The question of a change of time for holding the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter had been considered at a Special Convocation, held at Bridgeport, Oct. 31, 1866; but instead thereof, it was decided to hold a semi-annual one, at such place as should be decided upon at the previous Annual Convocation, on the Wednesday preceding the first Thursday in November in each year, for the exemplification of the Work and such other business as may be presented.

A resolution, that no less than *three actual candidates* shall be exalted at the same time, was voted down by the Grand Chapter.

The following resolution was passed, — and a similar rule ought to be enforced in every jurisdiction. It is just as unmasonic to disclose the fact of having voted for, as to disclose who voted against a candidate. It destroys the secrecy

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of the ballot, and may reveal who the persons voting against a candidate were : —

Resolved, That any member of a Subordinate Chapter voting for or against the admission of a candidate, and disclosing the fact when the ballot is not clear, shall be deemed guilty of unmasonic conduct, and be dealt with accordingly.

The Report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. William Storer, and is a very excellent review of the Proceedings of twelve Grand Chapters, including ours. We copy the following paragraph, which is a sort of summing up of results : —

" The whole number of exaltations reported by the twelve Grand Chapters from whom we have returns is 5,778, which indicates a condition of activity that forbids the fear of an immediate extinction of Capitular Masonry in the United States ; and some idea of the care with which the materials for the Royal Arch edifice are selected, may be gathered from the fact, that five Grand Chapter jurisdictions report 155 rejections, while 34 expulsions in seven States afford evidence that at least a degree of proper discipline is maintained in the Chapters.

" There are forty-five Grand Chapters in the United States and the Territories, with 614 Subordinate Chapters. In the twelve jurisdictions from which we have returns, there were at the latest dates 26,760 affiliated Royal Arch Masons. The same twelve Grand Chapters received as annual dues from their subordinates the sum of $16,388.39. Taking these partial statistics as the basis of our estimate for the whole country, there cannot be less than 100,000 Royal Arch Masons in the land, while the amount paid into the Royal Arch treasuries, to be expended mainly in charity, has not probably been less than $50,000. What an army of ' good men and true ! ' and what an amount of suffering may be alleviated through the instumentality of their annual contributions ! Companions of Connecticut, can we fail to appreciate the high privilege of being deemed worthy to have our names enrolled as members of such a fraternity? And with what jealous care

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should each individual of this mighty host guard his own heart, lest by an inconsiderate dereliction, he cause a vibration of shame to thrill through the whole body: for 'whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it.'

"By these annual reviews we are also reminded of the uncertain tenure by which we hold our mortal existence. The 'king of terrors' is ever busy in recruiting for the grave. Look where we may, we see abundant evidence of the ravages of death; nor can we escape his unerring shaft. In seven of the States, from which we have returns, we find the number of *two hundred and fourteen* deaths reported from the number of our Order. Let us heed this solemn lesson, and use all diligence in setting our house in order, that we may be found ready when the messenger shall arrive with the summons that is to usher us within the veils."

Returns from all the Chapters, twenty-seven in number, show a membership of 2,688; exaltations, 344; admitted, 18; withdrawn, 36; expelled, 2; died, 35.

M.E. James L. Gould, of Bridgeport, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. Joseph K. Wheeler, of Hartford, Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its Annual Convocation in the city of Tallahassee, on the 14th of January, 1867, M.E. Grand High Priest, David Jones, presiding, with a due representation of Chapters. The Annual Address of the Grand High Priest is brief, and represents the Subordinate Chapters in good working condition. Two Chapters have been re-established, but no new ones appear to have been chartered. We copy from the Address the following worthy sentiments: —

"Let nothing be said or done to cause us the slightest pain or regret when looking back in the mirror of the past. Let us dis-

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card every feeling of discord and unite ourselves as a 'band of brothers,' working as one man, for the prosperity of our Order. No personal or selfish feeling should ever be permitted to enter this holy place, but let us, as earnest and enthusiastic Masons, adhere strictly to the great principles which bind us together, and follow in the footsteps of those bright and illustrious brothers and companions who have been called from 'labor' to 'refreshment' in that great Temple above, and all will be well with us.

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"Let us square all our actions by the true tests of Masonry, so that when our labors are brought to a close, we may leave on earth a record worthy of imitation, and secure for ourselves the welcome plaudits of Him who presides in the great Temple."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Companion Thomas Brown, reviews the Proceedings of eighteen Grand Chapters, including that of Massachusetts, from which he quotes the following words of Companion Kimball, in his Report on Foreign Correspondence: —

"The Reports reviewed by us all speak of the (*late*) unhappy condition of our country; but 'old things have passed away.' Let it now be the *work* of every true Mason, each in his particular walk in life, to exert every influence that God has given him in securing a more glorious and enduring future for our country, that by no act of ours, as citizens or as Masons, shall its future be put in jeopardy.

"We trust that before the close of another year your Committee may receive words of cheer and encouragement from those jurisdictions which have for so long a period been cut off from all intercourse with us; and may we not hope that, although their altars may have been overthrown, that they are not destroyed, and that our Order, tried as it has been during the last four years of alienation and strife, may come forth stronger and more determined, having been tried in the balance and found not wanting."

He adds, "These are words of grace, and given in a true

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masonic spirit, which the people of the South will duly appreciate and reciprocate."

Among the Proceedings we notice the following: —

"The following circumstances were called to the attention of the Grand Chapter:

"The Records of Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 11, of Warrington, having been carried off by some unknown person during the war, were purchased by a Companion in Connecticut from a soldier who had served in Florida, and presented to the Grand Chapter of that State in 1864, for the purpose of restoration. Said Record has since been forwarded by Companion John W. Paul, Grand Secretary, and is now in the possession of Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 11.

"Companion Dawkins offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

"*Resolved*, That we thank an unknown Companion for an act of fraternal kindness in recovering the Records of Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 11, and the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut for their restoration through Companion John W. Paul.

"*Resolved*, That we congratulate the Masons of our country that this is but one of many acts, recently brought to our knowledge, which show that even the bitterness of civil war cannot quench our brotherly love or sever masonic ties."

Returns from only ten of the eighteen Chapters in the jurisdiction are reported. They show a membership of 445, with 79 exaltations, 11 withdrawals, and 7 deaths. M.E. David Jones, of Lake City, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and E. Hugh A. Corley, of Tallahassee, re-elected Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its seventeenth Annual Convocation at Chicago, Oct. 5, 1866, M.E. Grand High Priest Loyal L. Munn presiding. From

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the Annual Address of the Grand High Priest and that of the Deputy Grand High Priest, we learn that Dispensations were granted for seventeen new Chapters during the year. The Grand High Priest, in his Address, says: —

"The most perfect harmony prevails throughout our entire jurisdiction, and Royal Arch Masonry was never in a more prosperous condition than at the present time, not only in our jurisdiction but throughout the length and breadth of our beloved country; and on account of its popularity, great numbers are desirous of learning our mysteries, and are seeking for permission to pass through the veils of our tabernacle into our sacred sanctuary. During the past year there have been about twelve hundred exaltations in this jurisdiction, which greatly exceed the number admitted during any previous year; therefore it behooves us to scrutinize closely every petitioner. Let none be admitted unless we are fully satisfied that they are worthy and well qualified. Our structure is assuming massive proportions, and should we not use proper care in the selection of the materials, its dimensions would become an element of weakness; therefore remember, Companions, that you should use the ballot conscientiously for the good of the Order."

Touching allusion is also made to the death of Companion James H. Hibbard, Past Grand High Priest, who passed from his labors on earth to his rest in the Grand Chapter above, on the 14th of May, 1866.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is a discriminating review of the Proceedings of twenty-three Grand Bodies, including a very brief one of ours. It is made up principally of extracts from Addresses and Reports, and a brief synopsis of transactions, with very few comments; but those are in a right spirit.

There are one hundred and five Chapters in the jurisdiction; but, as there is no recapitulation of the statistics, we cannot, without more labor than we have now time for, give

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the membership, exaltations, etc. M.E. Orlin H. Miner, of Springfield, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Harmon G. Reynolds, of Springfield, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its twenty-second Annual Convocation in the city of Indianapolis, May 22, 1867, M.E. Grand High Priest, Thomas Newby, presiding. In his Annual Address, he says: —

"We rejoice to herald not only the return of peace, but also the return of healthy and vigorous Capitular life, everywhere over the South; and we extend our most earnest fraternal sympathy with the afflictions of our Companions, both as individuals and as organized Constitutional Grand Chapters, with halls destroyed or much injured, without furniture, jewels, and clothing, or, even where occupied, are yet much out of repair."

Announcement of the death of Past Grand High Priest, Daniel K. Hays, is made in a feeling manner. The Grand High Priest refers to the action of the Grand Chapter, at its previous Annual Convocation, in seceding from the General Grand Chapter, and seriously deprecates the action. He says: —

"The action of our Grand Body on the case referred to has not been approved, applauded, or confirmed by any Masonic Body in regular standing; and the approval or applause of Bodies in the same doubtful position with ourselves will not add enviable laurels to our heretofore good name among the legal Masonic Bodies of the world.

"I might pursue the subject farther, but as we have recently had this subject fully tested by the powers of our National Government, we should not assume doubtful positions by hasty legislation, but at once rescind the action had at our last Annual Communication, and thereby place our Grand Body on legal and honorable ground,

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and stay the confusion that may occur in our jurisdiction by the formation of another Grand Chapter."

Here follows a brief review of the history of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, showing that it was organized under a Dispensation from the General Grand Chapter; and he adds: —

"Now Companions, under the above authority, we have for twenty years organized and constituted fifty-eight Chapters, which through this Grand Body owe their powers to the General Grand Chapter; and the act on our part of severing our connection with the mother Body, is throwing back to her the power she gave to us to form Subordinate Chapters in our jurisdiction, and by the same principle our Subordinates may throw off their allegiance to us, call a convention, petition the General Grand Chapter for a Charter, declare us clandestine, make all our future acts null and void, and by our own actions hold us up to the masonic world as a schismatic, disgraced organization. Are you prepared to be cast off by all sister Grand Chapters? Reflect for a moment upon the awful penalty you are about to inflict upon yourselves by the sanction of the resolution passed at the last Grand Communication."

This subject was referred to a Special Committee, who subsequently reported as follows, and the Report was concurred in: —

"The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Address of the M.E. Grand High Priest as relates to the action of this Grand Chapter, found on folios 25 and 26 of the printed Proceedings of the last Annual Communication, respectfully report, —

"That they have examined with great care the History, Constitution, and Laws, connected with the powers and organization of this Grand Chapter and that of the General or Mother Grand Body of the United States, and feeling, as they do, a deep interest in the welfare, prosperity, and honor of the Craft in general, and for this branch of the masonic fraternity in particular,

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your Committee most heartily concur in the views of the M.E. Grand High Priest, as set forth in his Annual Address to this Grand Body; and we would further most respectfully represent that the action aforesaid was hasty and without due consideration.

"Your Committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

"*Resolved*, That the action and Proceedings of this Grand Chapter in seceding from the Grand Chapter of the United States, above referred to, be and the same is hereby repealed."

The Grand High Priest, in closing his Address, says: —

"In conclusion, I would say, as Symbolic Masonry has its duties and lessons, so has Capitular Freemasonry its peculiar duties, theories, and instructions. They commence with the serious, and close with the joy of the chosen people; symbolizing life, death, resurrection; teaching restraint, and pointing to the laver from which we should go, cleansed from moral deformity. Study well our symbols, our history, our literature. Conform your lives to our precepts, our high moral and even theological teachings, and so pass through our mysteries which are temporal, as to be admitted to those which are eternal, into the Holy of Holies above."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of M.E. Companion Thomas Newby, Grand High Priest, and very briefly reviews the Proceedings of seventeen Grand Chapters, Massachusetts included, giving a short synopsis of their Proceedings, with brief extracts.

The Returns show sixty Subordinate Chapters, with a membership of 2,282, an increase of 359 for the year, with 488 exaltations.

M.E. Thomas Newby, of Cambridge City, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and R.E. William Hacker, of Indianapolis, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

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KENTUCKY.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Kentucky held its Annual Convocation in the city of Louisville, Oct. 21, 22, and 23, M.E. Grand High Priest, J. H. Branham, presiding, with a representation at opening from some seventy Chapters, afterwards increased to about eighty. The Grand High Priest, in his Annual Address, says: —

"Another cycle of time has completed its revolution, and we meet, as brethren and companions from all parts of our jurisdiction, to raise that Royal Arch, beneath which, according to our traditions, the great *central* and sublimest truth of our ancient and venerable Order has been perpetuated for more than twenty-three centuries. I trust that 'unity and concord' may characterize our deliberations; that the prosperity of our Institution may be promoted by our action; and that we may be able to impart to it an interest, and infuse into its membership a zeal, which has not been surpassed during any former year of its history. I greet you at this hour with a most hearty satisfaction, as it is my province to congratulate on the great prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry, not only within the bounds of our jurisdiction, but throughout the length and breadth of this great country in all the States with which we correspond. That prosperity has not been evinced so much by a large increase in the number of new Chapters constituted, as in the addition of useful, valuable, and efficient materials to those already established, and in their desire and determination to make their Chapters sources of light and knowledge to those who may be so fortunate as to gain admittance within their sacred retreats, and to render their work as near perfect as any science can be made which is dependent on human learning, wisdom, and labor."

He takes strong ground against conferring degrees out of time, and hopes ere long the power of granting Dispensations for them will be taken from the Grand High Priests by the various Grand Chapters. He also dwells upon the subject of a

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uniformity of the Work, and proposes an annual exemplification of it by the Grand High Priest and his associate officers. We very much doubt whether this would accomplish the object so well as our mode of exemplifying by the Grand Lecturer and assistants, selected because of their proficiency and fitness for this special duty; and we notice that the Committee to whom this subject was referred proposed the appointment of a Grand Lecturer instead.

Dispensations for two new Chapters were granted during the year. The resources of this Grand Chapter are shown to be $11,358.97.

The following, touching the so-called Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, was passed: —

"*Whereas*, Since the last Communication of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia has been formed and duly installed by our distinguished and most excellent Companion Albert G. Mackey, in strict accordance with the laws and usages of our order; therefore, —

"*Be it Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter of Kentucky tender their congratulations to the Chapter of the District of Columbia, and hereby accept said Grand Chapter as an important acquisition to Capitular Masonry in this country."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, from the pen of Companion A. G. Hodges, is quite extended, reviewing somewhat at length the Proceedings of twenty-three Grand Chapters, including that of Massachusetts, for 1865, which did not reach there till after October, 1866; and he complains that the one for 1866 had not been received, or any communication had with us during the past year. Doubtless this must be owing to some failure in the mails.

The returns from eighty-three Chapters show a membership of 3,101; exaltations for the year, 559; admitted, 51; rejected, 43; dimitted, 150; died, 38.

M.E. Isaac T. Martin, of Cynthiana, was elected Grand

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High Priest, and Companion Philip Swigert, of Frankfort, Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State convened for its twentieth Annual Convocation in the city of New Orleans, February 12, 1867, M.E. Grand High Priest, H. Regenburg, presiding, with ten Subordinate Chapters represented. Its printed Proceedings are among the neatest, most complete, and best arranged that we have seen. The Grand High Priest, in his Annual Address, says: —

"I am happy to be able to report to you, that peace and harmony has been prevalent throughout our jurisdiction, and that during the past year nothing has occurred to mar the peaceful work of Royal Arch Masonry in the State of Louisiana. The avenues leading to our Temple have been carefully guarded, and I hope and trust that the same scrupulous care may continue and insure the same happy effect for the future."

Dispensations for six new Chapters were granted during the year. There appears to be twenty-five Chartered Chapters, and six U.D., in the jurisdiction; and returns from twenty-three of them show a membership of 1,425; exaltations during the year, 185; affiliated, 43; dimitted, 105; died, 30.

For some reason, probably the result of our late civil war, several of the Chapters in this jurisdiction have failed to make returns for some years, and to some of them the Grand Chapter has found it necessary to make donations.

Among the Amendments made to the Constitution, was one providing for a Grand Lecturer.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, from the pen of Comp. H. R. Swasey, is a brief and discriminating review of the Proceedings of twenty-four Grand Chap-

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ters, Massachusetts not included, from which we infer that it had not been received. Let us be especially careful that from no fault of ours, in furnishing copies of Proceedings, or in other ways, there should be any seeming want of that fraternal courtesy and brotherly love which I know we all feel towards our sister Bodies, South or North.

M.E. H. P. Buckley, of New Orleans, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.E. James C. Batchelor, of New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Portland, May 6, 1867, M.E. Josiah H. Drummond, Grand High Priest, presiding, with representatives from twenty Subordinate Chapters. The Grand High Priest, in the early part of his Annual Address, alludes to the disastrous fire which laid waste so large a part of the city of Portland, on the 4th of July, 1866, as follows: —

"The strange surroundings which greet your eyes on every side remind you that the tabernacle in which we last gathered around our altar, hallowed by so many associations, consecrated by the prayers of the Fathers in *our* Israel, has shared the fate of the Temple at Jerusalem. The terrible fire of the Fourth of July swept it away, as if in a moment, and with it the clothing and jewels of this Grand Chapter and much property of its two Subordinates in this city. The Grand Treasurer will give you the details in relation to the Grand Chapter. Mount Vernon Chapter saved its records and jewels; Greenleaf Chapter, its jewels only. The loss of its records is irreparable.

"This is not the time or the place to speak specifically of the alacrity and abundant generosity with which the Craft hastened to relieve the sufferings and destitution of our brethren and companions who were overwhelmed in this fearful calamity."

In speaking of "substitutes" in the Royal Arch Degree, he says: —

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"In my opinion, this practice is at variance with the Ritual, and in direct conflict with the charges to a High Priest at his installation. I am aware that the practice is extensive and has the warrant of age in its support. In doubtful cases, long usage should determine a question; but no usage, in violation of a fundamental principle, can ripen into law or authority, whatever length of time it may have existed."

He also takes exceptions, as we think very wisely, to the provision allowing a candidate rejected in one Chapter to apply to another, upon the recommendation of certain officers and members of the rejecting Chapter, and recommends its essential modification; and the Constitution was subsequently amended so as to require a unanimous vote, by secret ballot, to recommend a rejected candidate to another Chapter.

We also quote and heartily say, "so mote it be," to the following extract from the Grand High Priest's Address:

"And in this connection, allow me to congratulate you on the renewal of fraternal relations with those Grand Chapters so long separated from us by the dark cloud of war. Though in a few instances Proceedings have not been received from them, communication has been established with all, we trust never again to be interrupted."

An Amendment made to the Constitution makes it the duty of the Council to perfect themselves in the Work and Lectures of the Degrees, and one of them in person (or by a proxy who shall be a Past High Priest, and report to the Officer appointing him), at least once a year, to visit and instruct each Chapter in the jurisdiction; and arrangements were also made for an exemplification of the Work at the next Annual Convocation. Among the permanent regulations of this Grand Chapter is the following excellent one, which we wish was adopted in ours.

"Whenever a Dispensation is granted for conferring degrees, it shall be the duty of the officer granting the same to require and

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receive of the Chapter to whom the same may be granted the sum of three dollars for each candidate, for the Dispensation, which shall be paid to the Grand Treasurer, for the sole use of the Charity Fund of the Grand Chapter; and the Chapter shall require of each candidate five dollars in addition to their usual fee."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is an able and exhaustive review, from the pen of M.E. Grand High Priest Drummond, of thirty-three Grand Chapters, ours included, being more than we have seen in any other report. He adds: "From Minnesota and Texas we hear nothing directly, although we have written to the Grand Recorder of each. We presume no Proceedings for 1866 have been published in either of these jurisdictions. We are sorry not to hear from Texas. We had hoped that the silence of the past calamitous years would, ere this, have been broken." His Report of the various jurisdictions is quite full and comprehensive, and among other features is a table compiled with great care, and which must have cost great labor, exhibiting, so far as he could ascertain it, the condition of the Royal Craft in the different jurisdictions. As it is so much more full and complete than anything we can make, we propose to avail ourselves of it and embrace it in the closing portion of our Report. We quote from the closing portion of Companion Drummond's Report the following, heartily seconding all his suggestions: —

"SUMMARY. *Thirty* Grand Chapters have 1,156 Subordinates; *twenty-nine* return 54,083 members; *twenty-eight* return 10,443 exaltations. It will be remembered that these are generally the statistics for the year preceding the Annual Convocations for 1866.

"We hope Grand Secretaries will see to it, that in their own jurisdictions proper statements of the returns are made, so that we may be able to ascertain the actual growth of Royal Arch Masonry.

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"We judge there are now more than 60,000 Royal Arch Masons in the United States; and the increase annually nearly or quite 1,100.

"If these are all worthy Companions, governed to the best of their ability by the sublime principles of the ROYAL ART, we may well expect the prosperity and good influence of the Order.

"But when we know that among the pillars supporting our edifice, there are very many that are defective, unsound, and therefore weak, though perhaps fair to the outward view, we cannot avoid feeling a deep solicitude lest they should fail and involve their fellows and the Temple itself in one common ruin.

"The utmost care should therefore be exercised, not only to prevent the introduction of work 'not fit for use,' but also, when it is discovered that any pillar is becoming rotten, that it should be removed and heaved over among the rubbish.

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"It will be seen that in every jurisdiction it is reported that peace, harmony, and an unusual degree of prosperity prevail. Is this the *calm* before the *storm?* We trust not; yet there are grounds for fear."

Dispensations for four new Chapters were granted during the year. An abstract of the Returns from twenty-six Chapters shows a membership of 1,765; exaltations during the year, 382; rejected, 27; dimitted, 36; died, 20. Amount of Charity Fund, $2,377.41. We make the following extract from the Grand Secretary's Report:—

"It is gratifying to find our Companions at the South ready and prompt to resume fraternal relations with us. They have forwarded their Proceedings with punctuality since communication with them has been practicable.

"I am happy to be able to report that no Records or papers of great importance were lost by the fire which destroyed our masonic home. Some bound volumes of our Proceedings, and some in pamphlet form, were burnt, but it is believed they can be supplied."

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The Proceedings of this Grand Chapter are admirably arranged, complete, and full, with a capital index.

M.E. Josiah H. Drummond and R.E. Ira Berry, both of Portland, were re-elected respectively to the offices of Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

This Grand Royal Arch Chapter commenced its Annual Convocation at Baltimore on the 12th of November, 1866, and closed on the 13th. It was presided over by the Grand High Priest, M.E. James G. Smith, with representatives from ten Grand Chapters. The Grand High Priest, in his Annual Address, pays a high tribute of respect to the memory of Wm. G. Parkhurst, Grand King, who lost his life under distressing circumstances, by accidental drowning, on the 10th of October, 1866. In his Address he also says: "During the past year I have visited all of the Chapters in the jurisdiction, and find the utmost harmony in all, and in most of them great prosperity and emulation to advance our beloved Order."

Two new Chapters were constituted, and a Dispensation for one new one was granted during the year.

The Proceedings seem to have been mostly of a local interest.

The Proceedings of twenty Grand Chapters are ably reviewed by Companion E. L. Stevens, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, very kind allusions being made to ours and the Report of Companion Past Grand High Priest Kimball.

The returns from twelve Chapters show a membership of 1,067; exaltations, 285; affiliated, 19; reinstated, 1; rejected, 18; withdrawn, 71; "dropped," 88; died, 15.

M.E. James G. Smith, of Washington, District of Colum-

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bia, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and R.E. W. Morris Smith, of Washington, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Measures were taken for the organization of a Council of High Priests.

An application was made by three Subordinate Chapters in the District of Columbia for a dissolution of their connection with this Body, for the purpose of organizing a Grand Chapter for the District of Columbia, which was "referred back to the Chapters of the District of Columbia, for a more full consideration and expression of their wishes in regard to said application."

Subsequently, all the Chapters in the District, except Potomac, appear to have expressed a desire to be organized into a separate and distinct Grand Chapter, taking the District of Columbia for its jurisdiction; and the "Grand Chapter of Maryland and the District of Columbia" having voted its assent, a Grand Chapter was organized, to be called "THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA," and its officers were installed by M.E. Companion ALBERT G. MACKEY, Past General Grand High Priest. Potomac Chapter did not unite in this act, and, as we infer, denying its jurisdiction, the new Grand Chapter declared it a clandestine Body, whereupon Potomac Chapter appealed to M.E. JOHN L. LEWIS, General Grand High Priest, who sustains Potomac Chapter, and declares the new Grand Chapter "irregular and clandestine," on the ground, as we understand, that it had not first obtained the sanction and consent of the General Grand Chapter. This has given rise to a great amount of discussion; and printed circulars and pamphlets from parties interested in the controversy have flowed in upon us in great number. But as the General Grand High Priest has declared the new body "irregular and clandestine," and forbidden masonic intercourse with it, we suppose we must wait the decision of the General Grand

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Chapter. Meantime there is, and will be, considerable diversity of opinion upon the subject.

MICHIGAN.

The eighteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at the city of Adrian on the 7th, 8th, and 9th of January, 1867. M.E. A. Barnard, Grand High Priest, presiding, with forty-four Chapters represented. The Grand High Priest, in his Annual Address, says, "There is a disposition to do too little work in the Past and Most Excellent Masters' Degrees, and too much in the Royal Arch"; and he "recommends its correction by an edict so positive and unmistakable that none will wish or dare to disobey." Among the deaths of distinguished Masons in the jurisdiction that the Grand High Priest makes honorable mention of are the Hon. Lewis Cass and Levi Cook, both Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, and resolutions to their memory, as to other deceased members of the Grand Chapter, were subsequently passed. He also says, "The present year has been one of great prosperity to the Craft," and closes with the following: —

"And may He, whose name we should never mention but with that reverential awe which is due from the creature to his Creator, enable us so to govern ourselves as to transmit to those who come after us the sublime principles and rites of Royal Arch Masonry, undimmed and unimpaired by innovation, to the latest period of all coming time. May we be guided by that Great and Supreme Light in Masonry, to all truth, and finally find an abundant entrance into that celestial Temple where the Supreme Grand High Priest forever presides."

The Proceedings of twenty-two Grand Chapters, Massachusetts included, are very fairly reviewed by Comp. J. Eastman Johnson, Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Com-

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mittee on Foreign Correspondence, whose Report is principally made up of extracts and brief synopsés of important matters, with but few comments.

Returns from forty-seven Chapters show a membership of 3,173; exaltations, 702; rejected, 92; admitted, 125; suspended, 82; dimitted, 109; expelled, 5; died, 33.

A revised Constitution was adopted, and M.E. John P. Fiske, of Detroit, elected Grand High Priest, and R.E. J. Eastman Johnson re-elected Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

This Grand Royal Arch Chapter commenced its nineteenth Annual Convocation at the city of Jackson, on the 16th of Jan. 1867, and closed the same on the 18th. The M.E. Grand High Priest, William S. Patten, not appearing to be present until the last day, the sessions were presided over by R.E. J. O. Lusher, Grand Scribe, and R.E. John Fatharee, Deputy Grand High Priest. Fifty-five Chapters appear to have been represented. The Annual Address of the Grand High Priest appears, and is an able document, breathing the right spirit and showing a high appreciation of the teachings of our honored Institution.

"Once more are you permitted to assemble in Grand Convocation, to humbly bow around the sacred altar and unite your hearts in humble submission and grateful thanks to the Supreme Grand High Priest of the Universe for the manifold blessings and comforts which we as a brotherhood have been blessed with during the past masonic year.

"Through the mercies and goodness of the Great 'I AM,' you have been permitted to come from the East, West, North, and South, to sit together in Grand Council within the veils of the Sanctuary.

"Here the Craft meet to retrospect the past, joyfully contemplate the present, and act for the future.

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"No lurking foe beyond the 'waters' to hinder or impede us in the erection of the edifice, the foundation of which has been laid by skilful hands in days of old, under the direction of the All-seeing Eye of Jehovah. How grateful then should we be to Him from whom all blessings flow. Our birth, education, and occupation in life may not be the same; our religious faith or political creed may differ; yet, with all these distinctions, in the sacred Tabernacle *we are Companions.* Our labor in this Institution is a *labor of love.*

"Our Order teaches the lesson to bear each other's burden, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and minister to the wants of the needy and the afflicted; to comfort as far as possible the weary pilgrim who is journeying with us over the rough and rugged paths of life toward the haven of rest. If we, as true and faithful Companions, perform all these duties, when our labor in this life shall end, we may expect to hear from the Grand High Priest above, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter within the veil, with all worthy Companions, in the fadeless beauties of the sanctuary above.' The tempest of war within our borders is now still, the clear heavens are over us again, and the genius of Masonry is welcomed throughout the land. Our ancient Order, in well-remembered accents, speaks to us again, and bids us not despair of the fulfilment of her early promise, nor of the final success of her hallowed mission.

"Your assemblage here at this Annual Convocation is a confession of our faith that Freemasonry has yet a mission, an altar, and a priesthood, in this world, and that our own loved country is to demonstrate this truth in a manner worthy of the mystic power on earth.

"There is an irrepressible charm in the word Companion or Brother that dispels all formality, where hand hurriedly meets hand, while the warm hearts respond as though it was but the renewing of acquaintance of former days. It is this vitalizing principle that renders it so desirable to meet in Grand Council to repledge ourselves for the proper discharge of all our obligations. May these our principles continue to stand forth in bold relief, to guide the weary sojourner in the celestial road to the temple of happiness."

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He also states that he has issued "a circular to the Subordinate Chapters, forbidding the practice of the employing of Royal Arch Masons as substitutes for candidates in cases for 'exaltation.'" Also forbidding "the receiving or entertaining petitions of non-affiliated Master Masons for the Chapter Degrees," both of which rules we think might be adopted with advantage by this Grand Chapter. We also commend the following remarks to serious attention: —

"It has become an almost, I may say, universal custom, to ballot for the candidate and confer all the degrees upon him without giving the lecture as he advances. This is contrary to the teachings of Royal Arch Masonry, and should not be tolerated by the Grand Chapter. I would recommend that you make it obligatory on Subordinate Chapters, before the admission of candidates, to have them proficient in the preceding degrees before another is conferred. To the want of this principle or knowledge is chargeable the great dereliction of our Subordinates. It is not enough for the Companion to know that he has had the degree legally conferred, but he must know the several duties required of him by these degrees. And how shall he know them unless he is taught? And who shall teach him but the Chapter whose care he is under? How shall he know his Companion by the unerring rules, unless that information is given? How shall he convince or instruct others, if he is not taught? These things have been and are of daily occurrence, we are all aware. Let this Grand Chapter say that it shall no longer be a by-word and a reproach on Mississippi Royal Arch Masonry; that they confer degrees but do not impart such light that the Companions can travel and make themselves known with its aid. I would recommend that the candidate, before his admission to the First Chapter Degree, be required to give satisfactory evidence of his knowledge in the three symbolic degrees; and until he satisfies the Chapter of his proficiency, the degree should not be conferred. And the same rule to be carried out in all that follows.

"We have all witnessed the want of this knowledge in candidates, and also in visitors. It is not the fault of the candidate so

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much as the Chapter conferring the degree. It is to be hoped you will take such action as the emergency requires, and endeavor to apply the remedy that will arrest this growing evil.

"We are aware that there is not that attention paid to the qualification and instruction of candidates in the preceding degrees, before advancement, necessary for the healthy and vigorous growth of Royal Arch Masonry; that too many are hurried through the several degrees without fully understanding the moral and sublime principles which they teach, and sent abroad without being able to impart the true light, or the means of making themselves known. The evil should be remedied."

In closing, he says: —

"May the Grand Chapter of my native Mississippi flourish in renewed youth, youthfulness, and strength! Long may it continue to teach and cultivate the great truths contained in the Sacred Book of the Law; and finally, when the rough and rugged way on earth shall have ended, may we have our work well done; and when the great throne is set, and our Supreme High Priest shall take his seat to preside in the Council of that Grand Convocation above, and all the nations shall be assembled to be judged by that holy law, may we be in possession of the *signet of truth* and be admitted within the white veil of that holy sanctuary where incense burns continually, into the presence of the Grand Council, and find our names recorded in the book of eternal life."

Most of the business seems to have been such as has only a local interest. Charters were issued to six new Chapters. Duplicate Charters were also issued to eleven Chapters, the originals of which, some or all, were lost or destroyed during the late civil war. Three dispensations for new Chapters were also issued.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, from the pen of M.E. Comp. Patten, Grand High Priest, embraces a review of fifteen Grand Chapters, ours not included. It is a very able and comprehensive report.

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There are eighty-four Chapters in the State, embracing a membership of 3,174; exaltations during the year, 346; admissions, 113; reinstated, 27; dimitted, 347; expelled, 3; suspended, 426; died, 90.

M.E. William D. Ferris, of Deasonville, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.E. Oscar T. Keeler, of Columbus, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

This Grand Royal Arch Chapter held its Annual Convocation at St. Louis, May 23d and 24th, 1866. In the absence of the Grand High Priest, the Deputy Grand High Priest, Samuel Russell, presided, with a representation from twenty Chapters.

An Address was delivered by Deputy Grand High Priest Russell, in which he dwells upon the imperfection of the work in some of the Subordinate Chapters, and urges the importance of perfecting it, so that all the Craft may know and appreciate, "in its full extent, the meaning, purpose, and significance of every sign, symbol, and ceremony, as taught by our Ancient Fathers." The following expression in the Address, "To this and the general decline of interest in Masonry, which was apparent during the war," etc., indicates a very different state of things, so far as Masonry is concerned, in Missouri during the war, from what existed in Massachusetts.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is a very able review and sharp criticism upon the Proceedings of twenty-four Grand Chapters, ours included, from the pen of Comp. George Frank Gourley. We quote from his opening comments.

"We find Royal Arch Masonry throughout the length and breadth of our land in a prosperous condition, and it is only

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where we fear that prosperity has led some jurisdictions to daub with untempered mortar, and to build into our arches some stones that properly belong to the political pavement, that we have ventured to apply the rebuke of criticism. We have endeavored to give ' unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and unto God the things that are His.' We have entered behind the sacred veils of our sacred tabernacle, and we deem them too pure and holy for the soiling hands of politics or the footprints of a wrangling world; and wherever we have found these signs we have not hesitated to point them out, whether put there by high or low in authority; and if we have spoken frankly it is because we cannot speak otherwise if we would, and we would not when in the performance of a solemn duty."

His review of some of the Addresses of Grand High Priests and Reports of Committees on Foreign Correspondence is quite caustic, and he is unsparing in his criticisms of all allusions which can be construed as having a political or sectional bearing, or expressions of sympathy with the Government. We agree with the general tenor of his remarks, but possibly it may be questioned by some whether there is not wanting in some of them a little of that masonic charity which he would have others exercise, and whether they do not betray his *want of* sympathy with the Government.

There appears to be twenty-eight Chapters in the jurisdiction; returns from twenty of which show a membership of 1,025; exaltations during the year, 188; admitted, 32; dimitted, 102; died, 18; suspended, 6; rejected, 10.

M.E. Samuel Russell, of St. Joseph, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.E. Anthony O'Sullivan was re-elected Grand Secretary. Since then, this last-named honored Companion, who, at the time of this Convocation was in feeble health, has gone to reside in the Supreme Grand Chapter above, beloved, honored, and mourned by all who knew him.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE.

We have the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of this State for 1866 and 1867, both under one cover. The Annual Convocation for 1866 was held at Concord on the 12th of June, M.E. Thomas E. Hatch, Grand High Priest, presiding, with ten Chapters represented. The Grand High Priest, in his Address, represents peace and harmony as prevailing within the jurisdiction. We find the following concerning a correspondence between the Grand High Priest of this State and himself: —

"During the past year, but one complaint has reached me of want of masonic courtesy on the part of any of the Subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction. Upon investigating the circumstances, I found the Chapter acted in good faith, but without sufficient circumspection. Suitable explanations were made to the Grand High Priest of Massachusetts, who called my attention to this apparent want of comity on the part of one of our Chapters, and the matter was satisfactorily arranged."

We make the following interesting extract from the Address: —

"In January, I received a communication, through the Secretary of Trinity Chapter, from Companion Albert L. Long, of Constantinople, setting forth the state of Masonry in that city, and asking for advice in regard to establishing a Chapter there under an American Dispensation. I was greatly interested in this matter, and regretted that the regulations of the General Grand Chapter would not allow me to grant a Dispensation. I therefore contented myself with giving him the necessary instructions, and wishing him God speed in his noble and glorious undertaking. I was surprised to learn from his letter that Masonry is in such a flourishing condition in that place. He says, 'there are at present in this city two English, one Irish, two German, one French, one Italian, and one Greek Lodge, in working order. An attempt has

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also been made to establish a Chapter under the English Constitutions. The wish has been expressed to see an American Lodge and an American Chapter established here.' I also learn from his letter that some time since a Charter was granted to some Companions residing in Smyrna, Asia, by the General Grand Chapter of the United States, to open and hold a Chapter in that city, which Chapter was duly organized and has done good work."

We like the following suggestion, and would commend it to the attention of our own Grand Chapter: —

"I would also suggest that the Secretary of each Subordinate Chapter should be requested to deposit with the Grand Secretary a certified copy of the Charter under which the Chapter works. By so doing, the Charter, if lost by fire, could be replaced by a true copy of the original, which would be more highly valued in many cases than a new Charter."

Mention is made of the death of Past Grand High Priest Philemon Tooles, and M.E. John H. Steele, High Priest of Peterborough Chapter, and pages are set apart to their memory.

The business was of a local character. The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is a review by Comp. Horace Chase, Grand Secretary, of the Proceedings of sixteen Grand Chapters, including Massachusetts, and is principally made up of a brief synopsis of the transactions, with extracts from Addresses of Grand High Priests and Reports of Committees of Foreign Correspondence.

The returns of eleven Chapters show a membership of 980; exaltations during the year, 159.

M.E. Thomas E. Hatch, of Keene, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and E. Horace Chase, of Hopkinton, Grand Secretary.

The Annual Convocation for 1867 was held at Concord on the 11th of June, M.E. Thomas Hatch, Grand High

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Priest, presiding, with ten Chapters represented. The Annual Address of the Grand High Priest is devoted principally to a recital of his official acts. He says, "Nothing has arisen within our borders to call for any special notice, or to disturb in the least the even tenor of our ways." He reports that harmony and prosperity prevail. Dispensation for one new Chapter was granted. A resolution was adopted requiring an extra fee of $5.00 of every candidate for whose benefit a Dispensation is granted to confer a degree out of the ordinary constitutional time.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is quite elaborate, covering ninety-seven pages. It is from the pen of Comp. Horace Chase, Grand Secretary, and is a courteous and discriminating review of the Proceedings of twenty-five Grand Chapters, including Massachusetts. Like almost all of the Reports of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, he alludes to the fact that no Annual Address from the Grand High Priest appears in the Proceedings of our Grand Chapter. We copy the following comments, containing hints upon two or three points which it might be well for us to profit by. The omission of footings in the recapitulation of statistics, and of the residence of Grand Officers, are both of them very serious ones, as any one who undertakes to make a Report on Foreign Correspondence at least will find.

"One page in the pamphlet, headed 'recapitulation,' gives the name of Chapter, when chartered, number exalted, and number of members, but neither column of which is footed. We notice one other peculiarity, and one that strikes us as singular as peculiar: On page 56 of the pamphlet before us is a list headed 'Permanent Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.' Here follow lists of Past Grand High Priests, Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Past Grand Kings, and Past Grand Scribes, with dates of their holding office, numbering in all one hundred and fifty-seven, ninety-seven of whom are marked as deceased,

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leaving sixty only as living. Now we cannot conceive how a man can retain membership of any earthly society for years after his decease. It looks to us like what in common parlance is called an 'Irish bull.' We would suggest to their Grand Secretary to head the list hereafter with 'Past Grand Officers,' &c., instead of '*Permanent Members*,' &c.

"One other singular omission we noticed. Having carefully examined the Proceedings, we fail to find that the Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented to or authorized by the Grand Chapter, or alluded to in the Proceedings.

"M.E. Richard Briggs, Grand High Priest, and E. Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary. We happened to knew that Companion Waterman resides in Boston, but the Proceedings fail to give the residence of any elective Grand Officer."

We quote the following from his concluding remarks: —

"It has afforded us great pleasure to witness the tone of feeling and manifestations of joy almost universally expressed by Companions in the North and in the South, who have so long been estranged, at the advent of peace, when they can again interchange mutual congratulations, and assemble around our sacred altar in full fellowship and hearts overflowing with charity and pure beneficence.

"We are sorry to say that in the course of our examinations we have, in some few instances, witnessed a want of that candor, manly dignity, masonic courtesy, and brotherly feeling that ought to characterise every Royal Arch Mason, and when we have met with the exhibition of any bitterness of feeling or any unkind and discourteous expressions from any quarter, we have been free to express our disapprobation, and protest in strong terms against the introduction of anything sectional, potitical, or sectarian, into any masonic production. We, however, have the charity to hope that the few instances of indiscretion we have noticed have been rather the result of a warm and impulsive temperament than a settled hostility and vindictiveness, and that a calm reflection and a recurrence to the heaven-born principles of our beloved Institution will restore good fellowship, peace, harmony, and brotherly

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love between members of our time-honored Institution, throughout our common country and the whole habitable world.

"We are happy in being able to state that the utmost harmony prevails within the respective jurisdictions of Royal Arch Masonry whose Proceedings have reached us; and that those Grand and Subordinate Bodies who have suffered most by the unhappy conflict in which our country has been engaged are rallying around their altars, renewing their vows, and striving with all their means to retrieve their former prosperity; and may the God of peace bless them and crown their efforts with abundant success."

Returns from twelve Chapters show a membership of 1,146; exaltations during the year, 184 — 25 more than the previous year; and an increase of membership for the year of 166.

M.E. Nathaniel W. Cumner, of Manchester, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Horace Chase, of Hopkinton, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

The eleventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey was held at Trenton, September 11, 1867, M.E. Israel Baldwin, Grand High Priest, presiding, with fifteen Chapters represented. There are Addresses by the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe. Most of that of the Grand High Priest is devoted to a statement of his official acts and decisions. Some of these decisions may be applicable to that jurisdiction; but we should somewhat question the propriety or correctness of some of them, as the following, for instance: —

"2. In balloting for election of candidates, if a black ball appears, the ballot should be again spread; if it again appears, and there be any reasonable ground for supposing it was thrown

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by accident or mistake, it may be spread a third time, and so continued at the discretion of the High Priest until the Companions are satisfied the black ball was thrown by design.

"3. Every member of a Chapter has a right to vote. It therefore becomes the duty of the High Priest, when the ballot is spread for the election of applicants to membership, to inform members of committees who may be in adjoining apartments, and the Tyler of the Chapter, and invite them in to cast his or their vote. In case of the neglect of the High Priest to do so, the parties thus aggrieved have just cause of complaint. Under such complaint the High Priest may declare the election void, and order the ballot to be again spread.

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"5. Suspension from a Blue Lodge suspends from the Chapter without regard to the cause of suspension."

We are not surprised to find that a Committee to whom the same was referred should report as follows, and the Report be adopted by the Grand Chapter:—

"2d. The Committee would recommend that in case the first ballot should be foul, that a second ballot may be taken. Should that prove the same, the candidate shall be rejected.

"3d. The right of every member in good standing of a Chapter to vote is undeniable; but the Committee are satisfied that so much of the M.E. Grand High Priest's decision as affirms that the neglect of a High Priest of a Chapter to notify Companions outside of a Chapter room of an election taking place, would not invalidate such election, and accordingly so report.

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"5th. That suspension from a Blue Lodge, except upon charges preferred and proved, should not suspend a member from his rights and privileges as a member of a Chapter."

The closing part of the Address is an exhortation to live up to the tenets and principles of our Institution, and thus be prepared for the final rest.

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The Address of the Deputy Grand High Priest is largely devoted to the importance of an earnest, devoted, sincere, and impressive manner of conferring the degrees, and his remarks are so good that we copy a portion of them.

"It is a fact well known to every Mason that the first impressions received by a candidate when taking his degrees are the most lasting and endurable; it may almost be said that a Mason's masonic character is formed while he is passing through the various ceremonies of the several degrees. Let those degrees be conferred in a light, frivolous, and careless manner, and the useful, humane, and solemn lessons are received in such a manner as to create no deep or lasting impression upon his mind. What was apparently taught and given in an indifferent manner, is received in manner and form as it was given, lightly given, lightly assumed and quickly forgotten; but let the candidate, while his mind is prepared to receive the revelations of the hidden mysteries, be taught that the obligations and the responsible duties which he voluntary assumes are of no light or trifling character or importance; let the impressive lessons be given with a sincere and earnest manner, and the impressions made upon the mind, at that time and under such circumstances, are as indelible and ineffaceable as the principles of Freemasonry itself."

Dispensations were granted for three new Chapters during the year.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, from the pen of Companion Thomas J. Corson, is a review of the Proceedings of twenty-nine Grand Chapters, ours included, containing extracts, with discriminating comments, some of them quite touching, others caustic and expressive, though courteous. He pays the following compliment to our M.E. Companion Kimball: —

"We are extremely sorry to part with Companion Kimball, and lose him from the reportorial corps, for he is a good writer, and his criticisms are just and impartial, while they are always

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couched in fraternal language, and give indubitable evidence that he is as clear of head as he is warm of heart."

He closes with a witty, poetical effusion, in which he summons the Committee on Foreign Correspondence from the various Grand Chapters to an imaginary convention, neatly weaving in the name of each, with pleasant personal allusions.

We do not find in the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter any statistical recapitulation or summary of the work done by the Chapters; but from a list of the Chapters we make a footing, showing a membership in 16 of the 19 Chapters named, of 1,018; exaltations, 207.

M.E. J. V. Mattison, M.D., of Washington, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. John Woolverton, M.D., of Trenton, re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York held its Annual Convocation at Albany, February 5, 1867, M.E. Horace S. Taylor, Grand High Priest, presiding, with representatives from one hundred and fifteen chartered Chapters, and nine U.D. The Grand High Priest, in his Annual Address, says: —

"We should be devoutly thankful that so many of the beloved and venerable Companions who have for so many years given character and dignity to our Grand Chapter are to-day permitted to meet with us. We greet them year by year with joy and gladness, and we part with them with regret, feeling that our intercourse with them on earth must soon be ended. They have watched over our Institution through the dark and gloomy days of opposition and calumny, and have by their inflexible integrity and dignity of character caused all men to respect it."

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In speaking of the work, he says, "The growth of our Chapters exceeds that of any former year since the organization of this Grand Chapter." He also says: —

"A good degree of harmony has prevailed in our Chapters during the year. In only one instance, and that an unimportant one, have I been called upon to interpose my authority."

This speaks well for the harmony of this large jurisdiction. He further says: —

"Our relations with all the Grand Chapters of the several States are of the most amicable kind. We are renewing our intercourse with our Companions in the Southern States, which was so unhappily suspended by the late war. And I am happy to state that the kind feelings which prevail among us towards our Southern brethren are cordially reciprocated by them."

Dispensations for seven new Chapters were granted during the year.

Among the decisions made by the Grand High Priest, are the following: —

"1. A Master Mason who has lost an arm or leg cannot receive the Chapter Degrees.

"There is nothing novel in this decision. It has been so decided by all my predecessors who have had occasion to consider the question, and by the Grand Chapter. But very many of our gallant soldiers, who are Master Masons, have returned from the service of their country maimed and crippled, and thus incapacitated from proceeding further in the sublime researches of Masonry. And one of the most disagreeable duties which my office has obliged me to perform during the past year has been to withhold my consent to the applications of High Priests to confer the Chapter Degrees upon Master Masons thus situated; and I have thought proper to notice the subject here, that such applicants may learn that nothing less than an insurmountable obstacle, founded upon the nature of the degrees themselves and the prin-

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ciples of Royal Arch Masonry, would induce us to close our doors against those whom we would so much delight to honor.

"2. When a candidate has been favorably reported on by a committee, and duly elected in a Chapter, the High Priest may confer the degrees at any meeting of the Chapter. But when the candidate presents himself to receive the first, or any subsequent degree, any member of the Chapter may call for a new ballot, when, if one or more black balls appear, the conferring of the degree shall be postponed to a future Convocation. But it is not necessary that it shall be postponed for three months, or any other definite period beyond the next regular Convocation.

"3. It is the duty of a High Priest to maintain order in his Chapter, and if necessary to accomplish this, he may refuse admission to a member of his Chapter, or cause an offending member to be removed from the Chapter room. But if a member of his Chapter is announced at the door, he has no right to exclude him merely because another member objects to his admission."

These being referred to the Committee on Royal Arch Jurisprudence, they reported upon them as follows: —

"1. The first decision is settled masonic law, and therefore correct, and scarcely needs our action. The distinction is not made between advancement in the Craft Degrees and receiving the Chapter Degrees, in the minds of Companions.

"2. As to the second decision, we are constrained to think that it would not be the law in the Craft Degrees; and as we know of no other test to apply to it, we differ from the Grand High Priest in opinion as to the effect of the ballot for the Mark Degree.

"3. As to the third decision, we think it should be understood with the qualification distinctly expressed in the decision, that the refusal to admit should not be merely upon the ground that a Companion objects; a reason should be assigned for the objection."

The first of these decisions seems to accord with a pretty well settled principle in most of the Grand Jurisdictions. As

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to the second, we think the Report of the Committee is not very clear as to the course to be pursued, but cannot think the decision of the Grand High Priest correct.

A Committee appointed for that purpose had, during the year, secured the passage of a law by the State Legislature, authorizing Masonic Bodies in that State to hold, manage, sell, and convey such real and personal estate as may be necessary for their purposes, which law the Subordinate Chapters are, by resolution, recommended to avail themselves of.

The deaths of Companions Joseph Enos and Dan. S. Wright, Past Grand Officers, were announced, and resolutions of respect passed.

The following question having been submitted, the Grand Council gave an affirmative reply, which was subsequently indorsed by the Committee on Royal Arch Jurisprudence, to whom it was referred. The question was as follows:—

"Whether a Companion Royal Arch Mason, applying for admission as a visitor to a Chapter under this jurisdiction, he hailing from a Chapter under the jurisdiction of a Grand Chapter recognized by this Grand Body, may be admitted, without regard to race or color?"

The Committee say, and the Grand Chapter concurred, —

"The question presented to the Grand Council and decided affirmatively by them, as to the admission of a regularly exalted Companion as a visitor in a Chapter, without regard to race or color, is fully approved by us. A Companion, regularly exalted in a duly constituted Chapter, cannot be excluded on account of race or color merely; but any member of a Chapter may object to the admission of a visitor, without assigning any reason, and the objection would be valid."

In this we fully concur, with a special emphasis on the last clause, as we hold that no *member* of a masonic body

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can be unseated by the admission of a *visitor* objectionable to him.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is a succinct review of the Proceedings of twenty-four Grand Chapters, including Massachusetts, from the pen of Companion Joseph White, and closes with the following: —

"In conclusion, your Committee rejoice to say that the expectation we expressed in our last year's Report of friendly greetings from all sections of our country has, in the main, been realized. A few sentences, both North and South, we wish had been omitted; they are past; let them be forgotten; and turn with a full assurance of masonic union under the shelter of the Parent Tree, the offspring emulous only who best can work and best agree.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter of the State of New York will, in the future, as she has ever done in the past, use every effort to perfect and maintain that harmony and concord among Companions and Brethren which should ever be a distinguishing characteristic of the Masonic Fraternity."

Returns from one hundred and twenty-six Chapters show a membership of 9,490, and 1,963 exaltations, during the year.

R.E. John O. Cole, for more than forty years the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter, having stated that he should be compelled to decline serving any longer, the following resolution was passed: —

"*Resolved*, That in view of the invaluable and faithful services of Companion John O. Cole, as Grand Secretary for forty-two years, over twenty-five of which was with a merely nominal compensation, (and during which he in fact preserved the life of the Grand Chapter,) this Grand Chapter do now, as a slight testimonial and just compensation for his services, appropriate to him the sum of five thousand dollars."

Subsequently, a Committee appointed for the purpose reported a series of resolutions, which were passed, more

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fully expressive of the sense of the Grand Chapter's obligations to, sympathy with, and regard for him.

M.E. Seymour H. Stone, of Syracuse, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.E. John O. Cole, of Albany, Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The eighteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Wilmington, June 4 and 5, 1866. M.E. Geo. B. Waterhouse, Grand High Priest, in the chair, with eleven chartered Chapters represented, and representatives from six U.D. The Grand High Priest, in his Annual Address, calls attention to the fact that candidates are hurried through the degrees without being sufficiently instructed or required to learn the Ritual and perfect themselves in the Work, and recommends that the "Grand Chapter take such action as will not allow a Subordinate Chapter to confer the degrees upon any brother who cannot stand a good examination as a Master Mason; also compel the applicant to exhibit a specimen of his skill in each degree, before advancing." To this the Grand Chapter responded by the passage of the following, something similar to which we should like to see adopted in this jurisdiction: —

"*Resolved*, That no Subordinate Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall confer the Chapter Degrees upon any brother who is not thoroughly conversant with the first sections of the Entered Apprentice's, Fellow Craft's, and Master Mason's Degrees, and with all the means of recognition practised among Master Masons.

"*Resolved*, That no Subordinate Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall confer any of the degrees of Past Master, Most Excellent Master, or Royal Arch Mason, until the brother taking the degree is thoroughly conversant with each and all of the preceding degrees conferred in the Chapter.

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"*Resolved*, That a violation of either of the preceding resolutions on the part of a Subordinate Chapter shall cause the forfeiture of its Charter."

Dispensations for four new Chapters were granted during the year. Several of the Chapters in this jurisdiction suffered much from the effects of the late war, and the following preamble and resolution, which explain themselves, were passed.

"*Whereas*, Several of the Subordinate Chapters in the eastern portion of this Grand Jurisdiction have had their buildings and furniture destroyed and their organizations broken up during the late war, and the members thereof scattered, so that it may and most probably will be years before they will be resuscitated; and whereas, many of the former members of said Chapters will, doubtless, wish to connect themselves with other Chapters; therefore —

"*Resolved*, That any Subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction may, upon the application for membership of any of the late members of a dormant Chapter, upon the best evidence that the petitioner may be able to produce of his late membership in such dormant Chapter, receive and act upon such petition, without requiring the production of a regular dimit."

The Charters of those Chapters that had not met during the previous masonic year, or which had failed for the last two years to make returns, were declared forfeited, some of the Chapters having failed to make returns for six or eight years.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, from the pen of Companion Alfred Martin, reviews the Proceedings of twenty-two Grand Chapters, ours included, in a kind, courteous, and discriminating manner. We quote from his closing remarks: —

"Companions, we have completed our examination of such of the Transactions of our sister Grand Chapters as have been placed

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before us, upon which, as we progressed, we have made a sort of running commentary, necessarily very brief, and without time for reflection. In those Proceedings we see reflected the views and feelings of the great mass of our Companions in all sections of this vast masonic domain, embodied and expressed by the master-minds of the Fraternity. From these we may form reliable conclusions in regard to the sentiments of our Companions everywhere, upon all subjects connected with the great interests of our Institution. And here we naturally expected to find expressed the feelings entertained towards us by our Companions of the several Grand Jurisdictions between which and our own a bloody and desolating war of four years' duration has been raging. In this expectation we have not been disappointed, and we cannot close our Report without expressing the gratification we have experienced at finding in them, almost without an exception, the warmest expressions of fraternal regard and of pleasure in the prospect of again renewing the friendly and social intercourse that formerly characterized our great masonic family."

After speaking of the fact that since the close of the war a spirit of vindictiveness had still been shown by many persons and prints, he adds: —

"This feeling has been fostered and inculcated through the press, political and religious, — from the pulpit, the rostrum, and all the other mediums of operating upon the public mind, — until we feel that we may justly hold ourselves excused for indulging the fear that our masonic brethren and Companions had not escaped the infection. The evidence before us of the humanizing, Christianizing influence of Masonry upon the minds and affections of men has, however, effectually dispelled all doubts and established our faith upon an immovable basis.

"If, therefore, we are true to our Institution and to ourselves, and receive these tokens of fraternal brotherhood in the cordial spirit of reciprocity, we may dismiss all further apprehension in regard to the future prosperity and usefulness of our great and good Institution. The events of the late war have given an impetus to Masonry that will elevate it high above the most exalted

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position that it has ever occupied before, in this or perhaps in any other country, and its benign influence may yet accomplish more in removing sectional prejudices and establishing peace and good-will among men than our most enthusiastic faith in its power has ever led us to hope for."

We find no tabular statistics of the membership and work of the Chapters, but from the Report gather the following: Returns from twenty-one of the forty-two Chapters which it would seem there are in the jurisdiction, indicate 150 exaltations; 13 rejected. M.E. Alfred Martin, of Wilmington, was elected Grand High Priest, and Thomas B. Carr, of Wilmington, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

The fifteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Toledo, October 11–15, 1866. M.E. George Rex, Grand High Priest, presiding, and some seventy Chapters represented. The Grand High Priest, in his Annual Address, after acknowledging dependence upon and thankfulness to the Supreme Being, alluded to the death of Past Grand High Priest William B. Hubbard, a distinguished Mason, who died at his residence in Columbus, January 5, 1866, and pays a deserved tribute to his memory. The Grand High Priest reviews somewhat at length the Proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, and certain proposed amendments to its Constitution, and recommends that the Grand Chapter instruct its delegates how to vote upon them. Subsequently the Grand Chapter by vote instructed them to vote against the proposed amendments.

Six Dispensations for new Chapters were granted.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Companion Howard Matthews, and reviews the Proceedings of twenty-one Grand Chapters, Massachu-

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setts included, ably and somewhat at length. He closes with the following, and the resolutions were adopted.

"Having discharged the duty assigned to us, although very imperfectly, we feel that it has been a source of unalloyed pleasure, and while we shall close it with reluctance, we feel that we cannot do it more appropriately than by presenting for adoption the following resolutions:—

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter of Ohio greets her sister Grand Chapters of the United States with expressions of brotherly love and kindness, and trusts that the unfortunate and terrible memories of the past may be forgotten, and that there may never again be any contention amongst us 'but that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree.'

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter promptly responds to the resolution of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, to co-operate in any endeavors that may be initiated by other Grand Bodies to assuage any lingering bitterness of feeling that may still exist between the two recently hostile sections of the country, by bringing into play the powerful yet soothing influences of the mild and benignant precepts of Royal Arch Masonry."

We find no statistics of the Chapters, the membership, or the work, except that in the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence we find a table of statistics for the various Grand Chapters in which Ohio is included, as having a membership of 3,659 and 528 exaltations. There appear to be about ninety Chapters in the State.

M.E. George Rex, of Wooster, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and John D. Caldwell, of Cincinnati, re-elected Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its seventh Annual Convocation in the city of Portland, June 24, 1867. In the absence of the Grand High Priest, the

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Deputy Grand High Priest, B. F. Brown, presided, with five Chapters represented. There seems to be nothing in the Address of the Deputy Grand High Priest, or in the Proceedings, having anything more than a local interest. During the year, Companion A. Holbrook, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, was removed by death; but there is a brief but very good review of the Proceedings of twelve Grand Chapters, ours not included, by Companion B. F. Brown, Deputy Grand High Priest. It is made up principally of extracts, addresses, reports, and decisions contained in the Proceedings of other Grand Chapters, with some very judicious comments.

Returns from five Chapters show a membership of 149; exaltations, 16; admitted, 4; dimitted, 9; died, 3.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

We have the Proceedings of the Annual Convocations of this Grand Chapter for the years 1862, 1866, and 1867. That for 1862 was held at Charleston, February 11, M.E. Albert G. Mackey, M.D., Grand High Priest, presiding, with twelve Chapters represented. The Annual Address of the Grand High Priest is not published. No Dispensations for new Chapters were granted during the year. There is no Report on Foreign Correspondence. Returns from twelve Subordinate Chapters show a membership of 370, with six exaltations only. From the Report of the Grand Secretary, we make the following extract: —

"For the first time since the new organization of our Order, our assemblage in Annual Grand Convocation is not attended with those felicitous circumstances that characterized preceding ones. The troublous state of the times, the great difficulties with which our beloved country is struggling, affecting all conditions of our citizens and causing most serious and injurious interruption to

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their avocations, have operated upon our Order and most seriously interrupted its prosperity. Many Companions who were wont to unite in the formation of the fraternal chain around our altar and participate in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter have been debarred the enjoyment of the privileges they so highly appreciated. At the call of their country, they most willingly relinquished all the endearments of home and the pursuits of lucrative business, to endure the hardships of the camp, so that they might repel the invaders of her soil; consequently, many of the Subordinate Chapters have been compelled to suspend their Convocations. Few degrees have, therefore, been conferred the past year. The representation of twelve Chapters, with nearly all the Grand Officers, at this Annual Grand Convocation affords, however, matter of great congratulation. Before the next Annual Grand Convocation, it is devoutly hoped that peace will revisit our dear country, and that our beloved Order will soon be again in a highly prosperous condition."

M.E. Albert G. Mackey, of Charleston, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Ebenezer Thayer, of Charleston, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The Annual Convocation for 1863 was postponed by order of the M.E. Grand High Priest, and a circular to that effect issued, from which we make the following extract, as tending to show the difficulties under which our Companions in some of the States labored during the late war.

"The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, having taken into serious consideration the unsettled state of the country, together with the facts that nearly all the Subordinate Chapters have suspended labor during the past year; that the treasury of the Grand Chapter is entirely empty, while it is burdened with a heavy debt; that there is no business of any importance to be laid before that body; and that it is utterly impossible to pay the per diem and mileage allowance of the Representatives, should any come to the Annual Grand Convocation, has determined, with great reluctance, to exercise the high prerogative of his office, and to

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postpone the approaching Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter until such time as the representatives can be called together, with a reasonable prospect of paying their expenses and liquidating the debts now pressing upon that body."

The next Convocation seems to have been held February 13 and 14, 1866, at Charleston, M.E. Albert G. Mackey, Grand High Priest, presiding, and ten Chapters represented. The Address of the Grand High Priest was verbal, and is not printed. At this Convocation the following was adopted as an amendment to the Constitution: —

"And any Royal Arch Mason not affiliated to a Symbolic Lodge for more than twelve (12) months shall not be allowed to hold masonic communication with any Chapter; and, if a member thereof, shall forfeit his membership."

The Proceedings show the Grand Chapter to be in a crippled condition. Many of the Subordinate Chapters had, during the war, suffered the loss of their Charters and all their effects, and were unable to meet their obligations to the parent Body. The books and papers of the Grand Treasurer had been destroyed, and they found it necessary to raise, by an assessment on the Subordinate Chapters, $325, to pay current expenses.

Returns for 1866 from twelve Chapters showed a membership of 414; 61 exaltations; 8 dimitted, and 10 deaths.

Resolutions of respect were passed at both of these Convocations to the memory of several deceased Companions, among them Past General Grand High Priest Samuel Gilman, General Grand Secretary S. G. Risk, and Companion David Ramsey, Past Grand Scribe and Representative of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland near this Body.

M.E. Albert G. Mackey and R.E. Ebenezer Thayer, both of Charleston, were re-elected respectively to the offices of Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary.

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The next Annual Convocation was held at Charleston, February 12 and 13, 1867, under somewhat more encouraging prospects than the two previous ones, though still somewhat depressing. M.E. Albert G. Mackey, Grand High Priest, presided at the opening, with fourteen Chapters represented, and delivered his Annual Address, from which we make the following extract: —

"I am sorry to say that I have no flattering report to make of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the State. The long-continued strife in our land pressed heavily on the condition of our Chapters, almost all of which had, during the war, been suspended, and they have not returned to labor, as I had hoped they would have done, upon the restoration of peaceful relations. A few, however, have been resuscitated, and the revival will, I trust, be continued certainly, although slowly, until all our altars shall have been re-erected."

We also make the following extract from the closing portion of his Address, as an index of the long, faithful, and arduous labors of our esteemed and distinguished Companion Mackey: —

"As this day will be the last of an official connection with you that has lasted for twenty years, you will tolerate me for a few moments while I advert to the pressing events of that long period of time.

"When I was first elected Deputy Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, there were but three Subordinate Chapters on its roll, one of which had, however, long ceased to work, and its name was preserved on the register only because it was necessary to recognize its proxy so as to secure a quorum.

"At the commencement of the war, the number of Chapters in this State amounted to twenty-five. All of these, excepting three, I have personally organized. I have, in the course of my official duty, visited every Chapter in the State, — many of them repeatedly; have instructed them in the work, and may, I think, without arrogance, claim that the present organization of Royal Arch

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Masonry in this State has been produced by my personal labor and teaching.

"I say this, not in a spirit of boasting, but simply to you, many of whom have entered our Order long after my early labors had begun, the record may be given that, as your presiding officer, I have sought to do my duty. And now, after so much labor performed, and such a testimony of the interest I have taken in your welfare, I think this, I am entitled to retire from the field and take my rest.

"At the last Annual Grand Convocation, when, for the eleventh time I was re-elected to the honorable post which I had so long held, I then expressed my supreme desire that, at the present Convocation, you would determine on my successor.

"Nothing has occurred during the past year to cause me to change my views or revoke my determination. Therefore, while I thank you for past kindness, and invoke on you in the future the blessing and protection of the High Priest of Heaven and Earth, I respectfully announce that, under no considerations whatever, will I be considered, at the present Convocation, a candidate for re-election."

A Dispensation for one new Chapter was granted during the year.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Companion R. S. Bruns, who says it is the first Special Report ever made by such a Committee, it having been the previous practice for the Grand High Priest to review the Proceedings of sister Grand Chapters only in his Annual Address, though he approves the plan now adopted of a report by a committee. The Report is a most kind and fraternal, as well as very able, review of the Proceedings of fourteen Grand Chapters, ours included. From his opening remarks we cannot forbear to copy the following: —

"We proceed, accordingly, to review, *seriatim*, the reports of the workings of our sister Chapters in the United States, which have reached us in their several Reports. Our Reports must

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necessarily be summary, regarding only their most important details.

"From those of the South, and for reasons which will no doubt occur to you all, but very few of the reported Proceedings have come to hand. It is possible that as yet but very few have been made. This is due, no doubt, to the fact that the work of reorganization, since the war, has been obstructed by many embarrassments, and that the financial condition of many of the Grand Chapters has not been such as to permit them to publish their Proceedings. In both these respects, however, there has been a manifest improvement, and we look forward confidently to their speedy rehabilitation.

"Masonry at large, throughout our country, is in a most flourishing condition, and we are glad to be able to report that the sentiments generally expressed by the Grand High Priests in Northern jurisdictions are such as do honor to that large spirit of charity which is the just boast of our Order. But we regret to notice that, in a few instances, a narrow sectional feeling has exhibited itself in the form of a harsh and ungenerous attack upon the character of the Southern people. It is not this spirit which will heal the wounds of a country still sore and bleeding; nor is it by such expressions that a cordial and harmonious sentiment of brotherly love is likely to be developed. If we have erred in any respect in the past, we have paid, and are still paying, a heavy penalty for our fault; and no brave or honest man — no true Mason, in a word — will be guilty of the cowardice of striking at those who are already prostrate. Rather will he extend to every fallen sufferer the hand of sympathy, and do all in his power to repair the broken state and soothe the wounded feelings of those whose very defencelessness forbids attack.

"Let us trust and pray that we shall not again be called upon to refer to any expression of sentiment or feeling inconsistent with the vital principles of our Order; but rather hope that Masons everywhere will unite, and cordially unite, in the noble work of succoring the distressed and healing those that be sick, making the lame to walk and the blind to see.

"In this work of divine charity, in the grateful task of collect-

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ing the scattered fragments of our ruined temples, and rebuilding them in their old and fair proportions, Masonry will be fulfilling her truest, her most sacred mission, and will thus present to the world of humanity the rare example of universal fellowship, wrought out by the force of principles legitimately derived from, and scarcely second in value to those which He taught on earth, who continually went about doing good. Then may Masonry, with a lofty and reasonable pride in the good it has accomplished, say: 'When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me,' 'because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him.' 'The blessing of Him that was ready to perish came upon me, and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.'"

We indorse most cordially and fully the sentiments here expressed, and would further commend to especial attention the following noble words, in his conclusion, to which we most heartily respond, Amen! so mote it be!

"Your committee have performed the task assigned them with care and diligence, if not with ability. In closing their Report they take leave to urge upon the Chapters the utmost zeal in the resumption of their labors, which for several years could not properly be pursued. It will also be well to remember that the times are such as to require the utmost exercise of toleration and indulgence among themselves, and towards their fellow-citizens as well as Companions. In the universal distress which prevails, and the general deficiency of resources, we should especially set the example of good will, kindness, charity, and love, and forbear even the prosecution of a right, when such prosecution can be urged only at the expense of humanity. Nor will it be amiss if we counsel the Companions and Brethren of the Chapters and Lodges in our sister States to the avoidance of all expressions of political opinion which may wound the pride or the sensibilities, or occasion strife among citizens and brethren. We renew the declaration, so frequently made before, that we desire nothing more earnestly than peace, love, and charity with all Masons, in all States and nations; that we pray for the restoration of peace

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and of the ancient ties of brotherhood, which bound us together in better times as one. And we give the assurance from the very bottom of our hearts that we will earnestly and honestly strive to reknit the four-fold cord of faith and fraternity which Masonry has alone been able to weave around its people for so many thousand years unbroken. May the Grand High Priest of Heaven give us the proper strength to keep our vows, and maintain our cords unbroken as our faith."

A resolution was adopted requiring every Mark Master, within three months after his admission, to select and record his mark in the Book of Marks kept by the Chapter. This is a thing very much neglected. Might it not be well for our own jurisdiction to make some standing rule upon this subject.

Returns from fourteen Subordinate Chapters show a membership of 408; exaltations, 71.

Resolutions of thanks having been passed to M.E. Companion Mackey for his long and faithful services, and regretting his determination not again to be a candidate for re-election, as well as providing for a suitable testimonial to him, the Grand Chapter proceeded to elect Grand Officers, and M.E. R. S. Bruns, of Charleston, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.E. Ebenezer Thayer, of Charleston, re-elected Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

The Grand Chapter of Tennessee held its Annual Convocation (called both "session" and "meeting," in the Report, — we wish we could all agree uniformly to use the word "convocation," which, we think, is the right one) at Nashville, October 11, 1867, M.E. Jonathan L. Dawson, Grand High Priest, presiding, and sixty-four Chapters represented. The Annual Address of the Grand High Priest is principally

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devoted to a recital of his official acts, and not of general interest to others outside of that jurisdiction. The following closing paragraph is indicative of the condition of Capitular Masonry in that jurisdiction: —

"Congratulating you, then, beloved Companions on the prosperity of our Order, evinced by the fact that but one appeal is before you, while there is an increase of Chapters, and consequently a larger attendance than at any former Grand Chapter, let us so live that after passing death, the twilight of eternity, we may enter on its bright side, to be always in the presence of the Grand Council, who, in the beginning said, 'Let there be light,' and light was."

Dispensations were granted for seven new Chapters.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, from the pen of Companion Charles A. Fuller, Grand Secretary, is a review of the Proceedings of twenty-four Grand Chapters, ours included. It is made up largely of extracts, but the comments are judicious and discriminating, kind and fraternal, and indicate a clear head and a warm heart, beating with the true principles of masonic charity. It is one of the best we have seen, and we sincerely hope it may not be the last from his pen. We quote his closing remarks, and most earnestly grasp "the hand of cordial and fraternal greeting" which he extends.

"And here we lay down the pen. We have had our 'say,' and commit the result of our labors to the tender mercies of our Companions. The writer makes no apology for the imperfect manner in which the Report is presented, for he is conscious that the most humble would not excuse him. Be this as it may; the preparation of it has served to while away the tediousness of a sick room, the labor being performed under the pressure of a long lingering disease, that is slowly though surely sapping and wearing away the foundations of life. Our Companions remembering this, to them is committed the task of reviewing and pronouncing judgment on our labors.

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"To our *confreres* of other jurisdictions we once more — possibly for the last time — extend the hand of cordial and fraternal greeting, assuring them that the kind expressions of commendation so frequently received from them have been as gratefully regarded as the thirsty and weary traveller appreciates a well-spring of cooling water in the dry and arid desert."

The abstract of Returns for sixty-four Chapters shows a membership of 3,127; exaltations, 508; admissions, 96; withdrawals, 154; suspensions, 20; expulsions, 3; deaths, 35.

M.E. Townsend A. Thomas, of Clarksville, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Charles A. Fuller re-elected Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Richmond, December 13, 1866, M.E. George W. Dame, Grand High Priest, presiding, with sixteen Chapters represented. The Grand High Priest, in his Annual Address, says: —

"The Subordinate Chapters under your jurisdiction are gradually recovering from the effects of the wild and unbridled passions of man, and we trust the ennobling principles of our Institution may be mighty in building up, not only our Companions, but also society itself, on the firm basis of truth and justice. Those Chapters whose Charters had been destroyed or lost during the invasion of our State have, on application, been supplied by the Eminent Grand Secretary with duplicates, and there is now nothing to hinder their active exertions and successful work in that department of the masonic vineyard to which the Royal Arch Chapter has been wisely assigned. Several Dispensations for new Chapters have been granted, and there is satisfactory evidence that this branch of the Institution is on the increase."

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He dwells upon the want of perfection and uniformity of the work of the degrees, and the importance of conferring them, "so as to impress deeply those principles which, in our way, we desire to inculcate." He also takes strong ground against the tendency to too hasty admission of candidates and the multiplying of Royal Arch Masons; and he thinks that, though the relaxing of the rule that none but actual Past Masters should receive this degree may have been wise at the time, the revocation of it "long ere this day would have been equally wise." He goes on to say, —

"The standard of Royal Arch Masonry is entirely too low. Justice demands that it should be raised, and that a strict discipline should be enforced in reference to the unworthy who are within, and a closer scrutiny exercised towards those who shall in future knock at its portal. None should be allowed to enter there who are not worthy, on account of their high moral character, their zeal for the Institution, their thorough knowledge of the whole Ritual of the Symbolic Degrees, and their intelligence, to receive a special mark of honor. We may not be able to undo the injury that has been done either to the name Royal Arch or to Symbolic Masonry, yet we can do something to restore it to its former position of high and deserved honor, and make it prove an incentive to the members of the Lodge to improve themselves and become more active and more useful Masons. I would suggest that the Grand Chapter require that the moral and masonic qualifications of candidates for the Capitular Degrees be such as we have reason to believe to belong to a Worshipful Master who had, as such, served his time with honor to himself and credit to the Fraternity. Such a regulation would require a candidate to have from his Lodge, on secret ballot, a clear declaration that they considered him as one whose past zeal, high moral character, and great masonic proficiency entitled him to be honored by exaltation to the Most Sublime Degree of Royal Arch. In addition to which, I would require that the Council of the Chapter, in the presence of the Companions of the Chapter, should give a rigid and thorough examination on the whole work

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and lectures of the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry and in masonic law and history, and only after perfect satisfaction of his proficiency in these things should the Council recommend the candidate for exaltation. This, or some similar course, would in a few years make the Body of Royal Arch Masons one of high masonic intelligence, skilful Masons, and proper exponents of true masonic character.

"The adoption of a plan of this kind might hinder for a time the rapid growth of Chapters and multiplication of Royal Arch Masons; but it would make the few who are exalted to that honorary degree vastly more valuable than countless numbers of masonic ciphers. The name Royal Arch would be a title of high honor, and the degree restored to its normal condition, and prove a vast blessing to the whole Institution."

Some of these statements are pretty strong, and some that we have not quoted indicate in a still stronger light that the standard for Capitular Masonry has not been up to what it is with us; but yet there is much in them, we fear, which would apply with some force to other localities and jurisdictions than Virginia, and the plan proposed would raise the standard greatly.

Dispensations were granted for five new Chapters during the year.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is signed by Companions William B. Isaacs and Josiah Carlton. They acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of twenty-three Grand Chapters, Massachusetts included. The Report is brief, and after the opening consists principally of the grouping together under the heads of "*Shadow*" and "*Light*," very brief extracts from Addresses of Grand High Priests, and Reports of Committees on Foreign Correspondence of other jurisdictions, showing something of the shadows that the events of the last four or five years have cast upon their Temples, and of the beamings of light borne to them upon the wings of peace, and in the fraternal greetings which

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spring forth as the natural fruits of Masonry at the first dawnings of this peace. We quote from the opening remarks. Acknowledging the receipt of various Grand Lodge Proceedings, they go on to say: —

"From a hasty perusal of their contents, they find few questions discussed or decided on masonic law, jurisprudence, or usage, that have not heretofore been decided by this Grand Chapter. The addresses of the presiding officers pay a proper and becoming tribute to the abounding mercies of God in permitting them again to assemble around the sacred triangle in peace, after four long and dreary years of turmoil and strife. We gather from their local items the gratifying information that Capitular Masonry is prosperous and healthy throughout their several jurisdictions. Many, very many, caution their subordinates — and we would commend the admonition to the Chapters under this jurisdiction — on the impropriety of hasty admission of candidates, which has become prevalent throughout the land, within the sacred veils of our Tabernacle, and the equally hurried manner in which they are carried from degree to degree with such instruction, only, as they receive in passing. This ought not so to be. The Craftsman who can pass the Grand Overseer's Square as true work and square work is, by the time he reaches the *sanctum sanctorum*, in a large majority of cases, by the confusion of sounds and ceremonies which gather so rapidly around him, rendered unfit work for the Temple. A knowledge of the *work* at least should be a pre-requisite before passing from one degree to another. This, independently of being directly beneficial to the candidate, *might* stimulate a desire on his part to become familiar with the practical and theoretical meaning of our symbols and allegories, without which none can be said to be an accomplished Royal Arch Companion."

We quote also the following: —

"Companions, shall Virginia Masons be behind-hand in this fraternal contest to see who can best work and who best agree? Never! To our sister Grand Chapters throughout the world, we greet thee; and to our companions of New Jersey, we hail thee,

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and claim that you shall 'move up your chairs' closer and closer, for all your sisters, and together we will 'thank God the mystic chain of Grand Chapters is now entire — not a single link missing. Let us burn the yule-log and be merry, for our family circle is complete; and Royal Arch Masons, from the bluffs of Maine to the golden shores of California, are one harmonious whole. May the Grand High Priest of Heaven and Earth grant that thus it may ever continue to be, and that peace and good fellowship may ever exist between us."

The Order of High Priesthood is conferred in this jurisdiction by the Past or Present High Priest, as a part of the Installation. A Committee of Past High Priests have charge of the degree also, with power, as we understand, to confer it, as in a Convention of High Priests.

The returns seems to be very imperfect, and we find no abstract of them, or statement of the work done, but we figure out a membership in twenty Chapters of 1,539, with no returns from some twenty more.

M.E. Rev. George W. Dame, of Danville, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and E. John Dove, of Richmond, re-elected Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

The Annual Convocation ("session") of this Grand Chapter was held at Burlington, October 3, 1866. In the absence of the M.E. Grand High Priest, Leverett B. Englesby, M.E. Edward S. Dana presided. Twelve of the fourteen Chapters of the State were represented. Though not able to be present himself, the Grand High Priest sent in a written Address, from which we make the following extracts: —

"There have never been any disturbing influences at work that I am aware of. The Subordinate Chapters appear to have pursued the even tenor of their ways, transacting their business with

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care, and having a fair measure of prosperity. Such prosperity is all that we could desire, for you will all agree that numbers alone are not a fair criterion of successful progress, but the quality and spirit by which they are animated. With the right spirit, we have everything; without it, nothing. The spirit of fraternity, of love for and desire to improve humanity in all its phases, making of ourselves and our Institution such and so much that its influence may be felt as an instrument of good in every community where it exists. In so far as we effect this we realize the purposes of our institution; in so far as we fail, we fall short thereof.

. . . . . .

"Some day, our masonic history will be written. Let it be such that we and those who come after us may read it with pride, as the record of the doings of men desirous of knowing their whole duty to their fellows, and knowing, to perform. No prouder record can any man or body of men make than this. The quarries in which you are to delve are before you; upon the specimens which you present therefrom impress no uncertain *marks*."

Companion Joshua Britton, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made a Report, reviewing the Proceedings of twenty-two Grand Chapters, ours included. It embraces a brief synopsis of their doings, with extracts from Addresses, etc.

We find no abstract of returns, but, from such information as the Report furnishes, we learn that in twelve Chapters reported there seems to be a membership of 914.

M.E. Edward S. Dana, of New Haven, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. John B. Hollenbeck, of Burlington, re-elected Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

This Grand Chapter held its Annual Convocation in the city of Milwaukee, February 6, 1867, M.E. David H.

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Wright presiding, with twenty-eight chartered Chapters represented, and four U.D. The Annual Address of the Grand High Priest contains much that is interesting, and we think we cannot do better than to make a few extracts.

"The past year has been one of continued prosperity to the Royal Craft. In every part of this jurisdiction the utmost harmony prevails, and I do not know of a single discordant element that mars the harmony of the beautiful structure, whose foundations have been laid so broad and deep by the superior skill of those Master Builders, whose wisdom erected this magnificent Temple at whose shrine we are wont to worship."

In speaking of the *status* of persons claiming to have been made Royal Arch Masons in Military Chapters during the late war, he says: —

"In all cases submitted to me I have held that the same rule must govern in Capitular Masonry that has been adopted by the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction, and that such Royal Arch Masons were clandestine. I would respectfully recommend that this Grand Chapter take such action as will best secure to such persons all the rights they are legitimately entitled to, and, if thought necessary and proper, make suitable provision for their being healed."

Subsequently the Grand Chapter passed the following: —

"*Resolved*, That all persons claiming to be Royal Arch Masons, who have been made in so-called Army Chapters, are hereby declared to be clandestine. And no Chapter in this jurisdiction shall hereafter admit such, either as visitors or members, unless they shall have been regularly healed."

We quote again from the Address of the Grand High Priest.

"In Masonry, every lesson taught is calculated to make man better and purer, to inspire him with higher and holier thoughts

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and aspirations, to lead him to the *Great Fountain* of truth, and while receiving those lessons, so dear to the heart of every intelligent member of the Craft, whatever tends to draw his thoughts from the impression intended to be conveyed is an innovation, and is calculated to debase rather than to exalt, and should receive the united condemnation of every member of the Craft. Your attention has so often been called by my predecessors to the wholesale and indiscriminate manner of conferring the Chapter Degrees, that it would seem to be almost a work of supererogation for me to mention the matter here. But I cannot let this opportunity pass without one word of caution.

"Standing, as it were, upon the walls of our beautiful Temple, I think I can see in this much danger to the perpetuity of our Institution. Where so much material is brought up for inspection, some that is unworthy, and will not stand the test of the *Great Overseer's* Square, must necessarily find its way into the walls of the building, instead of being rejected and thrown over among the rubbish. Masonry is becoming too common. This is a fast age. Men become fanatic in everything,— in politics, in religion, and even in Masonry! Let us then guard well the outer court of the Tabernacle. See that no improper material enter into and become a part of the structure; but may all the parts be so nicely adjusted that we may form a perfect and complete whole; that when the Master Overseer shall try us by the unerring test of *Truth*, no discordant element, however *singular* and *beautiful* its form, may be found mingled with the good and square work we have brought up for the building.

. . . . . .

"May the blessing of the Great 'I AM' rest upon us in our labors to promote the good and prosperity of our beloved Order. May His spirit animate us in the faithful discharge of every known duty, and may the pure principles of our Order encourage us to discharge all the obligations we owe to *God*, to our *neighbor*, and to *ourselves;* and finally, when our work is done, may we be permitted to pass the *Veils*, and find an abundant entrance within the Tabernacle, and receive for our reward the wages of good and faithful servants."

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Five Dispensations for new Chapters were granted during the year.

Companion J. P. C. Cottrill, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented a Report, reviewing the Proceedings of twenty-one Grand Chapters, ours included, somewhat at length, but in a fair and discriminating spirit. We quote from his opening remarks, to which we fully respond.

"It will be perceived that we are this year in the receipt of tidings from several Grand Chapters with whom for some time we have been unable to hold communication. This is a source of real pleasure, and we indulge and here express the hope that in the future, neither for the cause that has latterly existed, nor for any other, will the circle of our communication with the sister Grand Chapters be broken in upon; but that each successive year will show us in direct, as it always will be in fraternal connection with all the Grand Chapters of our beloved country. Our hope in this respect is strengthened by the friendly and true masonic sentiments which we find pervading the reports from those Grand Bodies whose Proceedings have so long been absent from our table; and pointing to our own recorded declarations in the past, we renew to all our Companions of the Royal Craft the assurance of our desire for the permanent existence of the most cordial and fraternal relations with them."

The following stringent resolution in relation to unaffiliated Masons, was passed, and we wish that something similar, but somewhat modified, might prevail in this jurisdiction:—

"*Resolved*, That from and after six months from the adoption of this resolution, no Chapter or Companion in this jurisdiction shall hold masonic intercourse with any Companion who, as a Master Mason, shall have remained for more than one year unaffiliated, while he continues so to remain."

Among the standing resolutions of this Grand Chapter is one requiring every Mark Master to record his "Mark" within

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six months of his being advanced. Also, one forbidding a Chapter to receive a petition of, or affiliate, a person who is not a member in good standing of some regular Masonic *Lodge* in that or some other jurisdiction. We like especially the last of these. The following is also another of their standing regulations, and a very wise one :—

"*Resolved*, That all candidates for advancement to the several Chapter Degrees shall pass an examination in open Chapter as to their proficiency in the preceding degree, which shall be to the entire satisfaction of the Council."

From a table presented, we make the following footings : In thirty-two Chapters, number of members, 1,755 ; exaltations, 392 ; admitted, 28 ; dimitted, 106 ; died 13.

M.E. David H. Wright, of Madison, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.E. W. S. Palmer, re-elected Grand Secretary.

This completes our review of the Proceedings of such Grand Chapters as have come into our hands. We notice that most of the Reports from other jurisdictions have a review of the Proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, and several of them of those of Canada, and occasionally one from other Bodies beyond the limits of the United States. Had we time, we should be glad to glean something from them ; but we have not the Proceedings, and must content ourselves for now with what we have already presented, trusting that another year, whoever is intrusted with this review, may have the Proceedings of all our sister Grand Chapters, and be able to present a much fuller, more complete, and certainly more able and interesting Report than it is in our power to do ; and especially do we hope that the Reports may be placed in the hands of the Committee early, so that it may not have to be prepared under the disadvantages of shortness

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of time and amid such an unusual press of business cares as we have been compelled to labor under.

In the absence of sufficient time and data from which to make up a complete table of the membership, exaltations, etc., in the various jurisdictions, we avail ourselves of the following one prepared by M.E. Companion Drummond, of Maine, as fuller than any we can now make, adding to it the Address, so far as we can, of the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary of each jurisdiction. Most of the figures in this table are taken from the Returns for the year preceding the Annual Convocation for 1866. In some cases later statistics will be found in the body of the Report under the head of each State, and to which we refer rather than to undertake to correct the table.

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Grand Chapters.	No. of Subordinates.	Members.	Exalted.	Admitt'd and restored.	Dimitted.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Susp. n. p. d.	Died.	Rejected.	Address of Grand High Priests.	Address of Grand Secretaries.
Alabama . . .	68	2,850	292	63	233	2	2	60	66	17	George D. Norris, Newmarket.	Daniel Sayre, Montgomery.
Arkansas . . .	37	1,237	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	L. E. Barber, Little Rock.	W. D. Blocher, Little Rock.
California . . .	34	1,358	162	44	100	1	6	40	18	16	Charles Marsh, Nevada.	L. C. Owen, San Francisco.
Canada	24	847	109	8	30	—	24	—	4	—	T. Douglas Harrington, Ottawa.	Thos. B. Harris, Hamilton, C.W.
Connecticut * .	23	2,167	312	—	—	1	1	—	35	2	Luke A. Lockwood, Greenwich.	John W. Paul, Waterbury.
Dist. of Columbia,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	J. E. F. Holmead, Washington.	George C. Whiting, Washington.
Florida	18	415	77	(Partial ret'ns.)			2	—	7	8	David Jones, Lake City.	Hugh A. Corley, Tallahassee.
Georgia . . .	40	—	684	(No. of members not given.)							Samuel Lawrence, Marietta.	Benjamin B. Russell, Augusta.
Illinois	105	4,737	1,088	77	264	5	22	—	43	93	O. H. Miner, Springfield.	Harmon G. Reynolds, Springfield.
Indiana	60	2,282	488	73	111	2	43	—	38	—	Thos. Newby, Cambridge City.	William Hacker, Indianapolis.
Iowa	28	960	190	17	33	1	12	—	4	—	H. H. Hemenway, Lansing.	W. B. Langridge, Muscatine.
Kansas	6	202	34	—	24	—	1	11	8	6	R. R. Rees, Leavenworth.	E. T. Carr, Fort Leavenworth.
Kentucky . . .	85	3,101	559	51	150	2	13	—	38	49	Isaac T. Martin, Cynthiana.	Philip Swigert, Frankfort.
Louisiana . . .	23	1,425	185	43	105	—	11	—	69	30	H. P. Buckley, New Orleans.	Jas. C. Batchelor, New Orleans.
Maryl'd and D.C.	12	1,067	285	20	71	1	1	88	15	18	James G. Smith, Washington.	W. Morris Smith, Washington.
Maine	26	1,796	382	—	36	—	—	—	20	36	Josiah H. Drummond, Portland.	Ira Berry, Portland.
Massachusetts .	37	3,930	671	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Richard Briggs, Boston.	Thomas Waterman, Boston.
Michigan . . .	47	3,173	702	125	109	5	—	82	33	92	John P. Fiske, Detroit.	J. Eastman Johnson, Centreville.
Minnesota . . .	(Not heard from.)				—	—	—	—	—	—		
Mississippi † . .	84	3,170	346	140	347	3	426	—	90	—	William D. Ferris, Deasonville.	Oscar T. Keeler, Columbus.
Missouri . . .	20	1,145	188	32	102	—	6	—	18	10	Samuel Russell, St. Joseph.	George F. Gouley, St. Louis.
Nebraska . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Jas. W. Moore, Nebraska City.	J. N. Wise, Plattsmouth.

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New Hamphire .	11	1,004	159	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Nathl. W. Cumner, Manchester.	Horace Chase, Hopkinton.
New Jersey . .	16	770	204	1	40	—	1	13	11	—	J. V. Mattison, Washington.	John Wolverton, Trenton.
New York . .	118	7,566	1,793	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Seymour H. Stone, Syracuse.	Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo.
North Carolina ‡ .	38	953	170	59	15	2	2	—	22	25	Alfred Martin, Wilmington.	Thomas B. Carr, Wilmington.
Ohio	92	3,659	528	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	George Rex, Wooster.	John D. Caldwell, Cincinnati.
Oregon	5	142	22	7	15	—	—	2	4	—	B. F. Brown, Salem.	Charles M. Cartwright, Salem.
Pennsylvania . .	(No Statistics.)			—	—	—	—	—	—	—		John Thomson, Philadelphia.
Rhode Island . .	5	624	90	—	—	—	3	20	2	—	Thomas A. Doyle, Providence.	Samuel B. Swan, Providence.
South Carolina §	28	541	71	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	R. S. Bruns, Charleston.	Ebenezer Thayer, Charleston.
Tennessee . . .	52	(No Statistics.)		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	T. A. Thomas, Clarksville.	Charles A. Fuller, Nashville.
Texas	(Proceedings not received.)							—	—	—	Philip C. Tucker, Galveston.	Robert Brewster, Houston.
Vermont . . .	14	1,068	‖125	3	7	2	—	—	15	—	Edward S. Dana, New Haven.	John B. Hollenbeck, Burlington.
Virginia . . .	20	1,536	—	—	—	1	—	55	20	—	George W. Dame, Danville.	John Dove, Richmond.
Wisconsin . . .	28	1,396	326	12	74	2	5	—	15	35	David H. Wright, Madison.	William T. Palmer, Milwaukee.

* For 1865; not given in 1866. † No returns from six Chapters. ‡ Returns from twenty Chapters.

§ Proceedings received while this Report is going through the press. Twenty-eight Chapters in life; sixteen made returns and paid dues, or had them remitted; three made no returns, but had dues remitted; and nine made no returns. Fourteen report four hundred and eight members, and seventy-one exaltations. And last year four others returned one hundred and thirty-three members.

‖ Estimated from increase of membership.

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CONCLUSION.

From the foregoing it will be seen that Royal Arch Masonry is in a flourishing condition in nearly all of the States, and, with a few exceptions, more so than at any former time; also, that peace and harmony prevail throughout all the jurisdictions reviewed. Many of the Chapters in the Southern States, being nearer the theatre of action, the effects of the late war were much more disastrous to our Companions there than to us at the North, and our hearts have been deeply touched as we have read some of the Reports and seen how many of them have suffered, in several cases losing their all, and how, with returning peace, they have been struggling for returning life. But the worst seems now to have been passed; they are recovering from the crash, and with words of better cheer are rebuilding again the walls of their Temples. Amid all these late trials, it is refreshing to see how Masonry and its teachings have been exemplified in numerous instances of brotherly love, charity, relief, and truth; and especially now that communication with those from whom we were so long cut off is fully restored, to see the hearts of our Companions, both North and South, overflowing and gushing out with words of kind and loving masonic greeting, with hardly an unkind or discordant note from any source. Let us, around our sacred altars, renewedly pledge ourselves to a new consecration and devotion to those high moral principles whose beauty, beneficence, and practical results we have thus seen illustrated. "By their fruits ye shall know them"; and here is the best test of our ancient and honorable Institution. With the warm throbbings of our heart beating in unison with the act, we extend our hand in warm, loving, fraternal greeting, to our Companions of the mystic tie everywhere throughout the extent of our country, knowing no North, no South, no East, no

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West, but all the same, one and indivisible, now and ever. "*So mote it be.*"

We cannot close our Report without expressing the gratification that we have had in this communing with the master minds of our sister Grand Chapters during the preparation of it. One cannot read, ever so hastily, the emanations from these noble men and not gather much information, and be profited and improved thereby. We only regret that our work is so imperfectly done as not to have materially added to the common stock of knowledge and understanding. With our best wishes for those Companions with whom we have thus held communion, and hoping that they may long be spared and continue to send out to the masonic world their words of accumulated wisdom, and shed abroad masonic light, we bid them a kind and fraternal adieu!

And now, having completed our work, new to us, and under circumstances of great difficulty, we gladly lay down the pen and let fall from our shoulders the mantle which another year, we trust, will be laid upon those of some Companion who has the time and ability to do the subject better justice than, under any circumstances, we could. Though at times the weary hand and the overtaxed brain have almost refused to perform their offices, yet there has been much enjoyment, not unmixed with pain, in delving into these mines of masonic wealth, and we have only wished we had the time and ability to do them justice in searching out, bringing forth, and holding up to view their richest treasures.

Our work is done; we regret that it is so very imperfectly done; but yet there may be in it this comfort, that its very imperfection will secure our being relieved from undertaking it again, and its being intrusted to abler hands.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

HENRY CHICKERING,

Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

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OF THE

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

ELECTED SEPTEMBER 10, 1867.

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E. THEODORE H. EMMONS	Grand Captain of the Host.
E. CHARLES H. NORRIS	Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. HENRY C. SKINNER	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. Z. H. THOMAS, Jr.	Grand Master Third Veil.
E. CHARLES G. JACKMAN	Grand Master Second Veil.
E. WILLIAM GROVER	Grand Master First Veil.
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E. THOMAS WATERMAN	Grand Secretary.
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PAST OFFICERS

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PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

*Benjamin Hurd, Jr.	1798, 99, 1800.
*Dudley Atkins Tyng	1801, 2.
*Timothy Bigelow	1803, 4, 5.
*Isaiah Thomas	1806, 7, 8.
*Oliver Prescott	1809.
*James Dean Hopkins	1810, 11, 12.
*John Abbott	1813, 14, 15.
*Andrew Sigourney	1816, 17.
*James Prescott	1818, 19.
*Jonathan Gage	1820, 21, 22.
*Paul Dean	1823, 24, 25.
*Daniel Lewis Gibbens	1826, 27, 28.
*Samuel Clark	1829, 30, 31.
*Josiah J. Fiske	1832, 33.
*Edward A. Raymond	1834, 35, 36.
Simon W. Robinson	1837, 38, 39.
*John B. Hammatt	1840.
*Elijah Atherton	1841, 42, 43.
Thomas Tolman	1844, 45.
Charles W. Moore	1846, 47, 48.
*Benjamin Huntoon	1849, 50, 51.
*Stephen Lovell	1852, 53, 54.
Daniel Harwood	1855, 56.
Wendell Thornton Davis	1857.
John McClellan	1858.
James Kimball	1859, 60, 61.
Solon Thornton	1862, 63, 64.

* Deceased.

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PAST DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

*Dudley Atkins Tyng	1799, from April to Sept.
*Jonathan Gage	1799.
*Joshua Greenleaf	1800.
*Simon Eliot	1801–2.
*Benjamin Russell	1803–08, 1816–20.
*Henry Fowle	1808–14.
*James C. King	1814–15.
*Samuel L. Knapp	1820.
*Paul Dean	1821–22.
*Augustus Peabody	1823–26.
*Benjamin Huntoon	1826–29.
*Robert Lash	1829–33.
Thomas Tolman	1833, 1841–44.
Gardner Ruggles	1834–37.
*John B. Hammatt	1837–40.
*Elijah Atherton	1840.
*Elias Haskell	1844–45.
*Ruel Baker	1846–47.
Gilbert Nurse	1848.
Winslow Lewis, Jr.	1849.
*Stephen Lovell	1850–51.
Timothy Ingraham	1852.
E. M. P. Wells	1853.
Joseph Bedlow	1854.
Samuel K. Hutchinson	1855.
William R. Alger	1856.
Tracy P Cheever	1857.
*Isaac P. Seavy	1858.
Wyzeman Marshall	1859.
Solon Thornton	1860.
Richard Briggs	1861.
Albert H. Kirkham	1862.
John K. Hall	1863.
Caleb Rand	1864.
John W. Dadmun	1865.
Charles A. Welch	1866.

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PAST GRAND KINGS.

*Dudley Atkins Tyng	1798.
*James Harrison	1799.
*William McKeen	1800.
*Charles Jackson	1801.
*Benjamin Russell	1802.
*Gilman White	1803–4
*David Coffin, Jr.	1805.
*Amos Tappan	1806.
*Oliver Prescott	1807–8.
*William Woart	1809–10.
*John Abbott	1811–12.
*Samuel L. Knapp	1813–14.
*Henry Fowle	1815.
*James C. King	1816–17.
*Joseph Brown	1818.
*Robert Lash	1819.
*Caleb Butler	1820–22.
Henry Whipple	1823.
*Daniel Lewis Gibbens	1824–25.
Richard S. Spofford	1826–28.
*Charles Train	1829–31.
*Edward A. Raymond	1832–33.
*William Whiting	1834–35.
Simon W. Robinson	1836.
*Elijah Atherton	1837–40.
*Enoch Hobart	1840.
*John R. Bradford	1841–43.
Charles W. Moore	1844–45.
Gilbert Nurse	1846–47.
William Eaton	1848.
*Lucien B. Keith	1849.
Samuel Millard	1850–51.
John Flint	1852.
*James W. Crooks	1853.
Ebenezer W. Tolman	1854.
Jonathan G. Johnson	1855.
Wendell Thornton Davis	1856.
William Parkman	1857.
William H. L. Smith	1858.

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William W. Baker	1859.
*Sylvester Baxter	1860.
William S. Shurtleff	1861.
Charles C. Dame	1862.
Henry Chickering	1863.
Albert E. Foth	1864.
David W. Crafts	1865.
Henry Endicott	1866.

PAST GRAND SCRIBES.

*James Harrison	1798.
*Joshua Greenleaf	1799.
*Charles Jackson	1800.
*Benjamin Russell	1801.
*Stephen Howard	1802.
*Abraham Perkins	1803–4.
*Samuel A. Otis	1805.
*James Dean Hopkins	1806.
*Thomas Carey, Jr.	1807–8.
*Thomas Jackson	1809.
*Sumner Barstow	1810.
*Henry Purkett	1811.
*Edward Turner	1812.
*Andrew Sigourney	1813–14.
*Nathaniel Knapp, Jr.	1815.
*Joseph Brown	1816–17.
*Robert Lash	1818.
*James Morse	1819–20.
*Rosewell Lee	1821.
*Daniel Baxter	1822.
*Daniel Lewis Gibbens	1823.
*John James Loring	1824–25.
*Samuel Clark	1826–29.
*Charles Wells	1829–32.
*William Whiting	1833.
Simon W. Robinson	1834–35.
*Elijah Atherton	1836.
*Enoch Hobart	1837–39.
*John R. Bradford	1840.
*Robert Keith	1841–43.
*Ruel Baker	1844–45.

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*Joel Talbot	1846–47.
*Lucien B. Keith	1848.
Samuel Millard	1849.
*Henry Earl	1850–51.
Jonas A. Marshall	1852.
*Horace Chenery	1853.
John McClellan	1854.
Abraham A. Dame	1855.
John Andrews	1856.
Joel Spalding	1857.
James Kimball	1858.
Henry Goddard	1859.
George Sherwin	1860.
George Talbot	1861.
Moses H. Fowler	1862.
John N. Pike	1863.
Wanton T. Drew	1864.
Marlborough Williams	1865.
Rufus S. Pope	1866.

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ABSTRACT

FROM THE

Returns of the Subordinate Chapters

FOR THE YEAR 1867,

WITH DATE OF ORGANIZATION.

ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, BOSTON.

A.L. 5769.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Lyman B. Meston	High Priest.
E. Alfred F. Chapman	King.
E. Charles W. Romney	Scribe.
J. N. M. Clough	Captain of the Host.
William S. Hills	Principal Sojourner.
Francis P. Babbit	Royal Arch Captain.
Sylvester Trull	Master Third Veil.
William F. Pierce	Master Second Veil.
Joseph N. Pierce, Jr.	Master First Veil.
John McClellan	Treasurer.
Thomas Waterman	Secretary.
Rev. John P. Robinson	Chaplain.
Edward A. White	Senior Steward.
John S. Sherburne	Junior Steward.
Luther L. Tarbell	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday of each month.

Present number of Members, 380; Candidates exalted, 55; Fees to Grand Chapter, $171.

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KING CYRUS CHAPTER, NEWBURYPORT.

A.L. 5790.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Warren Currier	High Priest.
E. Enoch G. Currier	King.
E. David J. Adams	Scribe.
Gamaliel Hodges	Captain of the Host.
Paul Plumer	Principal Sojourner.
John M. Carter	Royal Arch Captain.
George H Stevens	Master Third Veil.
William H. Plaisted	Master Second Veil.
Joseph E. Kimball	Master First Veil.
Nathan A. Moulton	Treasurer.
James W. Cheney	Secretary.
O. S. Butler	Chaplain.
Samuel Noyes	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Tuesday succeeding full moon.

Present number of Members, 98; Candidates exalted, 23; Fees to Grand Chapter, $75.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER, SALEM.

A.L. 5811.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Charles H. Norris	High Priest.
E. Israel S. Lee	King.
E. George Tapley	Scribe.
Charles D. McDuffee	Captain of the Host.
George W. S. Rollins	Principal Sojourner.
Thomas J. Hutchinson	Royal Arch Captain.
Edward H. Staten	Master Third Veil.
Samuel C. Weston	Master Second Veil.
John R. Smith	Master First Veil.
Alvah Kimball	Treasurer.
William Archer	Secretary.
James Kimball	Chaplain.
Richard B. Hood	Senior Steward.
John A. Batchelder	Junior Steward.
William L. Batchelder	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

Present number of Members, 139; Candidates exalted, 30; Fees to Grand Chapter, $96.

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ADONIRAM CHAPTER, NEW BEDFORD.

A.L. 5816.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Wanton T. Drew	High Priest.
E. John A. Lee	King.
E. Albert H. W. Carpenter	Scribe.
William W. Arnold	Captain of the Host.
Henry G. Pomroy	Principal Sojourner.
David S. Small	Royal Arch Captain.
William B. Nooning	Master Third Veil.
William C. Swift	Master Second Veil.
Charles Searell	Master First Veil.
Edward Stetson	Treasurer.
Elisha C. Leonard	Secretary.
Amasa L. Gleason	Chaplain.
William A. Searell	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday of each month.

Present number of Members, 262; Candidates exalted, 18; Fees to Grand Chapter, $60.

MORNING STAR CHAPTER, SPRINGFIELD.

A.L. 5817.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Hiram A. Keith	High Priest.
E. Moses Wingate	King.
E. Richard H. Bailey	Scribe.
James C. Drake	Captain of the Host.
William F. Bowers	Principal Sojourner.
Robert Morris	Royal Arch Captain.
Lowell Preston	Master Third Veil.
C. M. Boyngton	Master Second Veil.
A. C. Russell	Master First Veil.
Thomas Warner, Jr.	Treasurer.
Joel E. Coolidge	Secretary.
Rev. J. Marvin	Chaplain.
L. K. Cole	Senior Steward.
Charles Evans	Junior Steward.
G. D. Rollins	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Friday in each month.

Present number of members, 296; Candidates exalted, 29; Fees to Grand Chapter, $93.

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FRANKLIN CHAPTER, GREENFIELD.

A.L. 5817.

OFFICERS.

M.E. William S. Severance	High Priest.
E. Charles Parsons, Jr.	King.
E. George Willey	Scribe.
Charles E. Severance	Captain of the Host.
David Lyon	Principal Sojourner.
E. J. Rice	Royal Arch Captain.
J. Gilbert Wilson	Master Third Veil.
James Rowley, Jr.	Master Second Veil.
C. L. Sawyer	Master First Veil.
R. Howland	Treasurer.
George H. Hovey	Secretary.
P. V. Finch	Chaplain.
Frank A. Pond	Senior Steward.
John A. Clark	Junior Steward.
Anson Mitchell	Tyler.

Regular Meetings in each month on Wednesday next after the full of the moon.

Present number of Members, 113; Candidates exalted, 14; Fees to Grand Chapter, $48.

ST. PAUL'S CHAPTER, BOSTON.

A.L. 5818.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Henry Endicott	High Priest.
E. Frederick A. Pierce	King.
E. Richard M. Barker	Scribe.
James A. Fox	Captain of the Host.
Samuel W. Greene	Principal Sojourner.
Charles G. Jackman	Royal Arch Captain.
Charles F. Wyman	Master Third Veil.
Henry Warren	Master Second Veil.
Henry A. Barry	Master First Veil.
John K. Hall	Treasurer.
Theodore H. Emmons	Secretary.
Elisha Pote	Senior Steward.
William Sawyer	Junior Steward.
Luther L. Tarbell	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 353; Candidates exalted, 14; Fees to Grand Chapter, $47.

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MOUNT ZION CHAPTER, STOUGHTON.

A.L. 5820.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Jonathan R. Gay	High Priest.
E. Bradford Kinsley	King.
E. Hiram Gay	Scribe.
James Swan	Captain of the Host.
Benjamin Ward, Jr.	Principal Sojourner.
F. A. Richardson	Royal Arch Captain.
Hiram Linfield	Master Third Veil.
George Talbot	Master Second Veil.
E. S. Anderson	Master First Veil.
Luther Belcher, Jr.	Treasurer.
Washington Tower, Jr.	Secretary.
A. St. John Chambre	Chaplain.
B. F. Savell	Senior Steward.
James Hill	Junior Steward.
A. B. Abbot	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Friday preceding full moon.

Present number of Members, 59; Candidates exalted, 3; Fees to Grand Chapter, $15.

THOMAS CHAPTER, FITCHBURG.

A.L. 5821.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Charles S. Litch	High Priest.
E. Thomas C. Caldwell	King.
E. John Burney	Scribe.
Jonas A. Marshall	Captain of the Host.
Joseph E. Manning	Principal Sojourner.
Francis Sheldon	Royal Arch Captain.
Charles Fessenden	Master Third Veil.
Alonzo Gould	Master Second Veil.
Cyrus Brown	Master First Veil.
Arnold Wilson	Treasurer.
Henry Allison	Secretary.
David C. Brick	Chaplain.
George Wheelock	Senior Steward.
Henry J. Lowe	Junior Steward.
Joseph Pierce	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Wednesday on or before full moon.

Present number of Members, 84; Candidates exalted, 23; Fees to Grand Chapter, $75.

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WORCESTER CHAPTER, WORCESTER.

A.L. 5823.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Charles G. Reed	High Priest.
E. Frank H. Rice	King.
E. Joseph B. Knox	Scribe.
Daniel W. Bemis	Captain of the Host.
Henry C. Willson	Principal Sojourner.
Daniel Seagrave	Royal Arch Captain.
Charles H. Fitch	Master Third Veil.
James J. Russ	Master Second Veil.
John W. Jordan	Master First Veil.
Arthur A. Goodell	Treasurer.
Clarendon Wheelock	Secretary.
Rev. R. B. Stratton	Chaplain.
Nelson Cowen	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Friday in each month.

Present number of Members, 174; Candidates exalted, 31; Fees to Grand Chapter, $85.

MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER, MILFORD.

A.L. 5824.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Henry C. Skinner	High Priest.
E. Edward Woods	King.
E. Isaac H. Stearns	Scribe.
George E. Stacy	Captain of the Host.
Leonard Fairbanks	Principal Sojourner.
J. H. Smith	Royal Arch Captain.
Ezra F. Holbrook	Master Third Veil.
A. A. Bussell	Master Second Veil.
J. C. Bradford	Master First Veil.
Leonard Hunt	Treasurer.
H. H. Bowers	Secretary.
George S. Ball	Chaplain.
L. L. Pike	Senior Steward.
Charles C. Smith	Junior Steward.
John M. Wood	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Thursday after full moon.

Present number of Members, 112; Candidates exalted, 16; Fees to Grand Chapter, $54.

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NORTHAMPTON CHAPTER, NORTHAMPTON.

A.L. 5825.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Josiah H. Beadle	High Priest.
E. John A. Prentiss	King.
E. Aaron Benton	Scribe.
Edward F. Hamlin	Captain of the Host.
Joseph C. Williams	Principal Sojourner.
Osmon O. Roberts	Royal Arch Captain.
George S. Phelps	Master Third Veil.
Alvin Rust	Master Second Veil.
Onesime A. Parent	Master First Veil.
Ansel Wright, Jr.	Treasurer.
A. Perry Peck	Secretary.
William T. Clement	Chaplain.
David B. Whitcomb, Jr.	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 99; Candidates exalted, 19; Fees to Grand Chapter, $63.

CONCORD CHAPTER, FRAMINGHAM.

A.L. 5826.

OFFICERS.

M.E. James H. Parker	High Priest.
E. George Seaver	King.
E. Henry Burnham	Scribe.
George S. Downs	Captain of the Host.
William H. Chenery	Principal Sojourner.
N. H. Seaver	Royal Arch Captain.
John Blair	Master Third Veil.
Silas Piper	Master Second Veil.
C. B. Travis	Master First Veil.
Adam Hemenway	Treasurer.
C. J. Frost	Secretary.
J. Semple	Chaplain.
J. M. Fellows	Senior Steward.
S. Currier	Junior Steward.
Fred. Coe	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 53; Candidates exalted, 12; Fees to Grand Chapter, $42.

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MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, LOWELL.

A.L. 5826.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Albion J. Dudley	High Priest.
E. Charles Morrill	King.
E. John M. Pevey	Scribe.
Sager Ashworth	Captain of the Host.
Frederick Frye	Principal Sojourner.
Nathaniel C. Sanborn	Royal Arch Captain.
Alonzo K. Lynch	Master Third Veil.
Theodore Adams	Master Second Veil.
Reuben W. Drew	Master First Veil.
Jonathan P. Folsom	Treasurer.
Richard W. Baker	Secretary.
George F. Scribner	Senior Steward.
Samuel P. Pierce	Junior Steward.
Stephen K. Fielding	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Monday on or before full moon.

Present number of Members, 186; Candidates exalted, 20; Fees to Grand Chapter, $66.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, EAST BOSTON.

A.L. 5854.

OFFICERS.

M.E. John Tyrer	High Priest.
E. E. C. Chamberlin	King.
E. Albert B. Barrett	Scribe.
William J. Ellis	Captain of the Host.
Edward H. Morse	Principal Sojourner.
Olof Lindergreen	Royal Arch Captain.
Benjamin Albee	Master Third Veil.
James B. Webster	Master Second Veil.
Simeon Cragin	Master First Veil.
Samuel L. Fowle	Treasurer.
Hezekiah Mayo	Secretary.
Samuel W. Foljambe	Chaplain.
Joseph Davis	Senior Steward.
Charles H. Solley	Junior Steward.
Samuel W. Gleason	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, fourth Monday in each month.

Present number of Members, 145; Candidates exalted, 25; Fees to Grand Chapter, $81.

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CHAPTER OF THE SHEKINAH, CHELSEA.

A.L. 5855.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Charles M. Avery	High Priest.
E. Henry G. Fay	King.
E. James M. Greenwood	Scribe.
John F. Fellows	Captain of the Host.
James Tent	Principal Sojourner.
William D. Seeley	Royal Arch Captain.
Daniel E. Chase	Master Third Veil.
John E. Marden	Master Second Veil.
Simeon C. Williams	Master First Veil.
Slade Luther	Treasurer.
George W. Vose	Secretary.
John P. Payson	Chaplain.
George W. Busteed	Senior Steward.
Samuel E. Holbrook, Jr.	Junior Steward.
Amos Seavey	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 186; Candidates exalted, 41; Fees to Grand Chapter, $129.

ORIENT CHAPTER, HYANNIS.

A.L. 5856.

OFFICERS.

M.E. George J. Miller	High Priest.
E. R. S. Pope	King.
E. Thomas Weston	Scribe.
J. Winslow Chapman	Captain of the Host.
V. B. Nickerson	Principal Sojourner.
Samuel Snow	Royal Arch Captain.
J. B. Baxter	Master Third Veil.
O. C. Baker	Master Second Veil.
Stephen Sears	Master First Veil.
Alexander Baxter	Treasurer.
A. S. Hallett	Secretary.
James Barnaby	Chaplain.
Sidney Crowell	Senior Steward.
L. L. Simmons	Junior Steward.
John H. Frost	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, in January, April, July, and October.

Present number of Members, 55; Candidates exalted, 12; Fees to Grand Chapter, $42.

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PENTUCKET CHAPTER, HAVERHILL.

A.L. 5856.

OFFICERS.

M.E. D. B. Tenney	High Priest.
E. F. J. Stevens	King.
E. L. C. Wadleigh	Scribe.
A. M. Vance	Captain of the Host.
D. M. Kelley	Principal Sojourner.
B. F. Darling	Royal Arch Captain.
N. R. Johnson	Master Third Veil.
J. W. P. Smith	Master Second Veil.
G. B. George	Master First Veil.
John P. Randall	Treasurer.
A. Whittier	Secretary.
C. H. Seymour	Chaplain.
Calvin Smith	Senior Steward.
G. W. Wallace	Junior Steward.
Daniel G. Smith	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Friday in each month.

Present number of Members, 121; Candidates exalted, 13; Fees to Grand Chapter, $45.

BERKSHIRE CHAPTER, PITTSFIELD.

A.L. 5858.

OFFICERS.

M.E. H. S. Russell	High Priest.
E. L. Scott	King.
E. D. A. Clary	Scribe
J. C. Parker	Captain of the Host.
S. H. Almy	Principal Sojourner.
F. S. Parker	Royal Arch Captain.
G. T. Barker	Master Third Veil.
E. Crafts	Master Second Veil.
George W. Clark	Master First Veil.
J. Carter	Treasurer.
Lorenzo H. Gamwell	Secretary.
E. L. Wells	Chaplain.
Henry B. Brewster	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 71; Candidates exalted, 13; Fees to Grand Chapter, $45.

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KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, WARE.

A.L. 5858.

OFFICERS.

M.E. George Robinson	High Priest.
E. John Crosby	King.
E. John Wetherbee	Scribe.
John W. Robinson	Captain of the Host.
John E. Jordan	Principal Sojourner.
M. H. Gross	Royal Arch Captain.
Daniel R. Winslow	Master Third Veil.
I. F. Snow	Master Second Veil.
C. W. Richards	Master First Veil.
Wallace C. Sheldon	Treasurer.
Samuel H. Phelps	Secretary.
George M. Buttrick	Chaplain.
James Barkley	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Thursday on or before full moon.

Present number of Members, 42; Candidates exalted, 5; Fees to Grand Chapter, $21.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, FOXBOROUGH.

A.L. 5860.

OFFICERS.

M.E. J. P. Carpenter	High Priest.
E. W. H. Thomas	King.
E. C. Richmond	Scribe.
Charles H. Sawyer	Captain of the Host.
W. B. Crocker	Principal Sojourner.
H. N. Paine	Royal Arch Captain.
George C. Forest	Master Third Veil.
E. P. Paine	Master Second Veil.
Joseph Wilson	Master First Veil.
William Carpenter	Treasurer.
T. E. Grover	Secretary.
E. C. Fales	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Thursday on or after full moon.

Present number of Members, 57; Candidates exalted, 7; Fees to Grand Chapter, $27.

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MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, LAWRENCE.

A.L. 5860.

OFFICERS.

M.E. D. F. Robinson	High Priest.
E. John Haigh	King.
E. Daniel Nason	Scribe.
N. A. Bishop	Captain of the Host.
N. P. H. Melvin	Principal Sojourner.
G. M. Stoddard	Royal Arch Captain.
H. G. Herrick	Master Third Veil.
H. H. Fletcher	Master Second Veil.
C. W. Flint	Master First Veil.
Rufus Reed	Treasurer.
P. B. Robinson	Secretary.
L. I. Hall	Chaplain.
Benjamin Booth	Senior Steward.
George W. Horn	Junior Steward.
G. W. Waterhouse	Tyler.

Regular meetings, last Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 118; Candidates exalted, 18; Fees to Grand Chapter, $60.

PILGRIM CHAPTER, ABINGTON.

A.L. 5862.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Micah Nash	High Priest.
E. William H. Davis	King.
E. Cyrus Morton, Jr.	Scribe.
B. Sanford, Jr.	Captain of the Host.
Charles C. Bixby	Principal Sojourner.
James E. Smith	Royal Arch Captain.
William H. Maine	Master Third Veil.
H. F. Copeland	Master Second Veil.
S. N. Dyer, Jr.	Master First Veil.
Benjamin L. Nash	Treasurer.
Erastus M. Nash	Secretary.
Rev. F. P. Howland	Chaplain.
George A. Beal	Senior Steward.
Samuel E. Ring	Junior Steward.
Joseph F. French	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Friday on or before full moon.

Present number of Members, 150; Candidates exalted, 35; Fees to Grand Chapter, $111.

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WAVERLY CHAPTER, MELROSE.

A.L. 5863.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Frederic J. Foss	High Priest.
E. Thomas Winship	King.
E. John W. Chapman	Scribe.
Osgood W. Upham	Captain of the Host.
Charles C. Dike	Principal Sojourner.
George F. Clapp	Royal Arch Captain.
Robert J. Chute	Master Third Veil.
George L. W. Dike	Master Second Veil.
Charles H. Nichols	Master First Veil.
George W. Heath	Treasurer.
Walter Littlefield	Secretary.
Thomas J. Greenwood	Chaplain.
Charles A. Whittemore	Senior Steward.
E. R. Cleaveland	Junior Steward.
S. W. Nichols	Tyler.
Charles S. Joscelyn	Sentinel.

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 284; Candidates exalted, 73; Fees to Grand Chapter, $225.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHAPTER, SOUTH BOSTON.

A.L. 5863.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Charles H. White	High Priest.
E. Frederick G. Walbridge	King.
E. Hugh McCully	Scribe.
John J. Dyer	Captain of the Host.
Parker C. Burbank	Principal Sojourner.
Benjamin F. Smith	Royal Arch Captain.
Ralph Crocker, Jr.	Master Third Veil.
Ethan R. Cheney	Master Second Veil.
Lendall F. Tarbitt	Master First Veil.
Horace Smith	Treasurer.
N. A. Apollonio	Secretary.
J. I. T. Coolidge	Chaplain.
Alfred Smith, Jr.	Senior Steward.
Joseph R. Gross	Junior Steward.
William D. Rockwood	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Monday in each month.

Present number of Members, 117; Candidates exalted, 17; Fees to Grand Chapter, 57.

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HAMPDEN CHAPTER, PALMER.

A.L. 5863.

OFFICERS.

M.E. James B. Shaw	High Priest.
E. Marshall Fox	King.
E. John E. Crane	Scribe.
James S. Williams	Captain of the Host.
Andrew Pinney	Principal Sojourner.
G. Collins, Jr.	Royal Arch Captain.
George B. Kenerson	Master Third Veil.
F. J. Wassum	Master Second Veil.
William Merriam	Master First Veil.
A. N. Dewey	Treasurer.
W. W. Cross	Secretary.
L. A. Nelson	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Wednesday succeeding full moon.

Present number of Members, 62; Candidates exalted, 13; Fees to Grand Chapter, $45.

MYSTIC CHAPTER, MEDFORD.

A.L. 5863.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Benjamin A. Hersey	High Priest.
E. Charles E. Joyce	King.
E. Alfred Haskell	Scribe.
Smith B. Harrington	Captain of the Host.
Amos B. Morss	Principal Sojourner.
Samuel G. Jepson	Royal Arch Captain.
Charles E. Bride	Master Third Veil.
Charles P. Lauriat	Master Second Veil.
James P. Richardson	Master First Veil.
Luther Farwell	Treasurer.
Parker Litchfield	Secretary.
Benjamin H. Davis	Chaplain.
H. H. Gilmore	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Thursday after full moon.

Present number of Members, 85; Candidates exalted, 12; Fees to Grand Chapter, $42.

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SUTTON CHAPTER, LYNN.

A.L. 5863.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Timothy Stevens	High Priest.
E. George F. Breed	King.
E. David J. Newhall	Scribe.
Charles W. Wilson	Captain of the Host.
James A. Austin	Principal Sojourner.
Joshua C. Eldred	Royal Arch Captain.
Ezekiel F. Estes	Master Third Veil.
William B. Phillips	Master Second Veil.
Henry O. Burrill	Master First Veil.
George B. Tolman	Treasurer.
Henry C. Oliver	Secretary.
Timothy G. Senter	Chaplain.
Jesse T. Sutherland	Senior Steward.
J. Webster Colcord	Junior Steward.
John C. Myer	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 69; Candidates exalted, 15; Fees to Grand Chapter, $48.

FALL RIVER CHAPTER, FALL RIVER.

A.L. 5864.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Robert Henry	High Priest.
E. James F. Davenport	King.
E. Silas Williams	Scribe.
William Davenport	Captain of the Host.
George A. Ballard	Principal Sojourner.
Daniel Stillwell	Royal Arch Captain.
Alden Gilbert	Master Third Veil.
John Whittaker	Master Second Veil.
Joel Wood	Master First Veil.
Abner L. Westgate	Treasurer.
Thomas L. Brayton	Secretary.
John Shepley	Chaplain.
James Davis	Senior Steward.
Mason Fisher	Junior Steward.
William Preston	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Monday in each month.

Present number of Members, 92; Candidates exalted, 15; Fees to Grand Chapter, $50.

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CAMBRIDGE CHAPTER, CAMBRIDGE.

A.L. 5864.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Z. H. Thomas, Jr.	High Priest.
E. Joseph G. Holt	King.
E. Charles Harris	Scribe.
Charles A. Skinner	Captain of the Host.
Hiram L. Chase	Principal Sojourner.
Samuel M. Davis	Royal Arch Captain.
Horace W. Fuller	Master Third Veil.
Eben C. Prescott	Master Second Veil.
L. M. Hannum	Master First Veil.
George B. Carter	Treasurer.
Seymour B. Snow	Secretary.
Henry W. Warren	Chaplain.
William L. Lathrop	Senior Steward.
William Darley	Junior Steward.
Daniel M. Hazen	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, third Friday in each month.

Present number of Members, 111; Candidates exalted, 15; Fees to Grand Chapter, $51.

WALTHAM CHAPTER, WALTHAM.

A.L. 5864.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Louis A. Felix	High Priest.
E. Robert L. Davis	King.
E. John C. Locke	Scribe.
John W Fairbanks	Captain of the Host.
Henry W. Hartwell	Principal Sojourner.
William Locke	Royal Arch Captain.
George A. Bates	Master Third Veil.
Nathan S. Whitney	Master Second Veil.
Charles W. Stone	Master First Veil.
Henry Martyn	Treasurer.
Francis W. Adams	Secretary.
Leonard P. Frost	Chaplain.
Frank P. Pratt	Senior Steward.
Charles A. Brackett	Junior Steward.
John Harris	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Thursday on or before full moon.

Present number of Members, 98; Candidates exalted, 21; Fees to Grand Chapter, $69.

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ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, TAUNTON.

A.L. 5865.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Charles F. Johnson	High Priest.
E. John E. Browne	King.
E. Jonathan J. Stanley	Scribe.
Edward Mott	Captain of the Host.
L. O. Barnard	Principal Sojourner.
John Radley	Royal Arch Captain.
Benjamin H. Baker	Master Third Veil.
Robert Crossman, 2d	Master Second Veil.
Alfred B. Hodges	Master First Veil.
Charles Lawton	Treasurer.
Charles H. Atwood	Secretary.
William H. Brown	Chaplain.
George A. Dunham	Senior Steward
Alden H. Blake	Junior Steward.
William Cox	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Monday on or before full moon.

Present number of Members, 93; Candidates exalted, 24; Fees to Grand Chapter, $78.

MOUNT HOLYOKE CHAPTER, HOLYOKE.

A.L. 5865.

OFFICERS.

M.E. William Grover	High Priest.
E. Nathaniel W. Quint	King.
E. John E. Chase	Scribe.
Oscar S. Tuttle	Captain of the Host.
Cyrus L. Frink	Principal Sojourner.
R. B. Johnson	Royal Arch Captain.
A. Higginbottom	Master Third Veil.
A. L. Shumway	Master Second Veil.
Charles Blodgett	Master First Veil.
George W. Prentiss	Treasurer.
Charles H. Lyman	Secretary.
Alexander M. Averill	Chaplain.
E. W. Loomis	Senior Steward.
William Ruddy	Junior Steward.

Regular Meetings, first Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 40; Candidates exalted, 7; Fees to Grand Chapter, $27.

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MOUNT VERNON CHAPTER, ROXBURY.

A.L. 5865.

OFFICERS.

M.E. JOHN W. DADMUN	High Priest.
E. CHARLES J. DANFORTH	King.
E. SAMUEL LITTLE	Scribe.
JOHN W. LORD	Captain of the Host.
EBENEZER ADAMS	Principal Sojourner.
JOSHUA H. PUTNAM	Royal Arch Captain.
DANIEL WHEELER	Master Third Veil.
GEORGE RICHARDS	Master Second Veil.
GEORGE J. ARNOLD	Master First Veil
R. W. MOLINEAUX	Treasurer.
J. GARDNER CURTIS	Secretary.
FRANKLIN S. MERRITT	Chaplain.
E. G. SCOTT	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, third Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 60; Candidates exalted, 18; Fees to Grand Chapter, $60.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, ADAMS.

A.L. 5865.

OFFICERS.

M.E. DANIEL UPTON	High Priest.
E. H. M. HOLMES	King.
E. H. C. BOWEN	Scribe.
JAMES C. CHALMERS	Captain of the Host.
D. D. BOWEN	Principal Sojourner.
JAMES RENFREW, Jr.	Royal Arch Captain.
E. T. HUNT	Master Third Veil.
N. W. MASON	Master Second Veil.
R. M. COLE	Master First Veil.
C. D. COLE	Treasurer.
H. H. WELLINGTON	Secretary.
E. T. HUNT	Chaplain.
W. G. FARNSWORTH	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 35; Candidates exalted, 12; Fees to Grand Chapter, $42.

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UNION CHAPTER, ATHOL.

A.L. 5866.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Lucius Holmes	High Priest.
E. Nathaniel Richardson	King.
E. Andrew J. Clarke	Scribe.
Charles W. Bannon	Captain of the Host.
Proctor G. Sloan	Principal Sojourner.
George H. Richardson	Royal Arch Captain.
C. W. Barber	Master Third Veil.
W. H. Barker	Master Second Veil.
Eri Shepardson	Master First Veil.
Frank G. Lord	Treasurer.
John H. Williams	Secretary.
Asa Barnes	Chaplain.
Amos Cheney	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Friday on or after full moon.

Present number of Members, 35; Candidates exalted, 6; Fees to Grand Chapter, $24.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHAPTER, DORCHESTER.

A.L. 5866. (U.D.)

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MENOTOMY CHAPTER, ARLINGTON.

A.L. 5866.

OFFICERS.

M.E. John C. Blasdel	High Priest.
E. Edward Storer	King.
E. William H. Pattee	Scribe.
Charles C. Sawyer	Captain of the Host.
Lewis Spalding	Principal Sojourner.
George O. Davis	Royal Arch Captain.
James Durgin	Master Third Veil.
Andrew F. Allen	Master Second Veil.
John A. Pattee	Master First Veil.
J. Winslow Pierce	Treasurer.
Milan R. Hardy	Secretary.
William T. Stowe	Chaplain.
James Baston	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 55; Candidates exalted, 18; Fees to Grand Chapter, $58.

WEBSTER CHAPTER, WEBSTER.

A.L. 5866. (U.D.)

HOUGHTON CHAPTER, MARLBOROUGH.

A.L. 5867. (U.D.)

ISLE OF THE SEA CHAPTER, NANTUCKET.

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RECAPITULATION.

Chapter.	Date of Charter.	Exalted.	No. of Members.
St. Andrew's, Boston	5769	55	380
King Cyrus, Newburyport	5790	28	98
Washington, Salem	5811	30	139
Adoniram, New Bedford	5816	18	262
Morning Star, Springfield	5817	29	296
Franklin, Greenfield	5817	14	113
St. Paul's, Boston	5818	14	353
Mount Zion, Stoughton	5820	3	59
Thomas, Fitchburg	5821	23	84
Worcester, Worcester	5823	31	174
Mount Lebanon, Milford	5824	16	112
Northampton, Northampton	5825	19	99
Concord, Framingham	5826	12	53
Mount Horeb, Lowell	5826	20	186
St. John's, East Boston	5854	25	145
Shekinah, Chelsea	5855	41	186
Orient, Hyannis	5856	12	55
Pentucket, Haverhill	5856	13	121
Berkshire, Pittsfield	5858	13	71
King Solomon's, Ware	5858	5	42
Keystone, Foxborough	5860	7	57
Mount Sinai, Lawrence	5860	18	118
Pilgrim, Abington	5862	35	150
Waverly, Melrose	5863	73	284
St. Matthew's, South Boston	5863	17	117
Hampden, Palmer	5863	13	62
Mystic, Medford	5863	12	85
Sutton, Lynn	5863	15	69
Fall River, Fall River	5864	15	92
Cambridge, Cambridge	5864	15	111
Waltham, Waltham	5864	21	98
St. Mark's, Taunton	5865	24	93
Mount Holyoke, Holyoke	5865	7	40
Mount Vernon, Roxbury	5865	18	60
Corinthian, Adams	5865	12	35
Union, Athol	5866	6	35
Menotomy, West Cambridge	5866	18	55
St. Stephen's (U.D.) Dorchester	5866		
Webster „ Webster	5866		
Houghton „ Marlboro'	5867		
Isle of the Sea (U.D.) Nantucket	5867		

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FOR 1868.

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